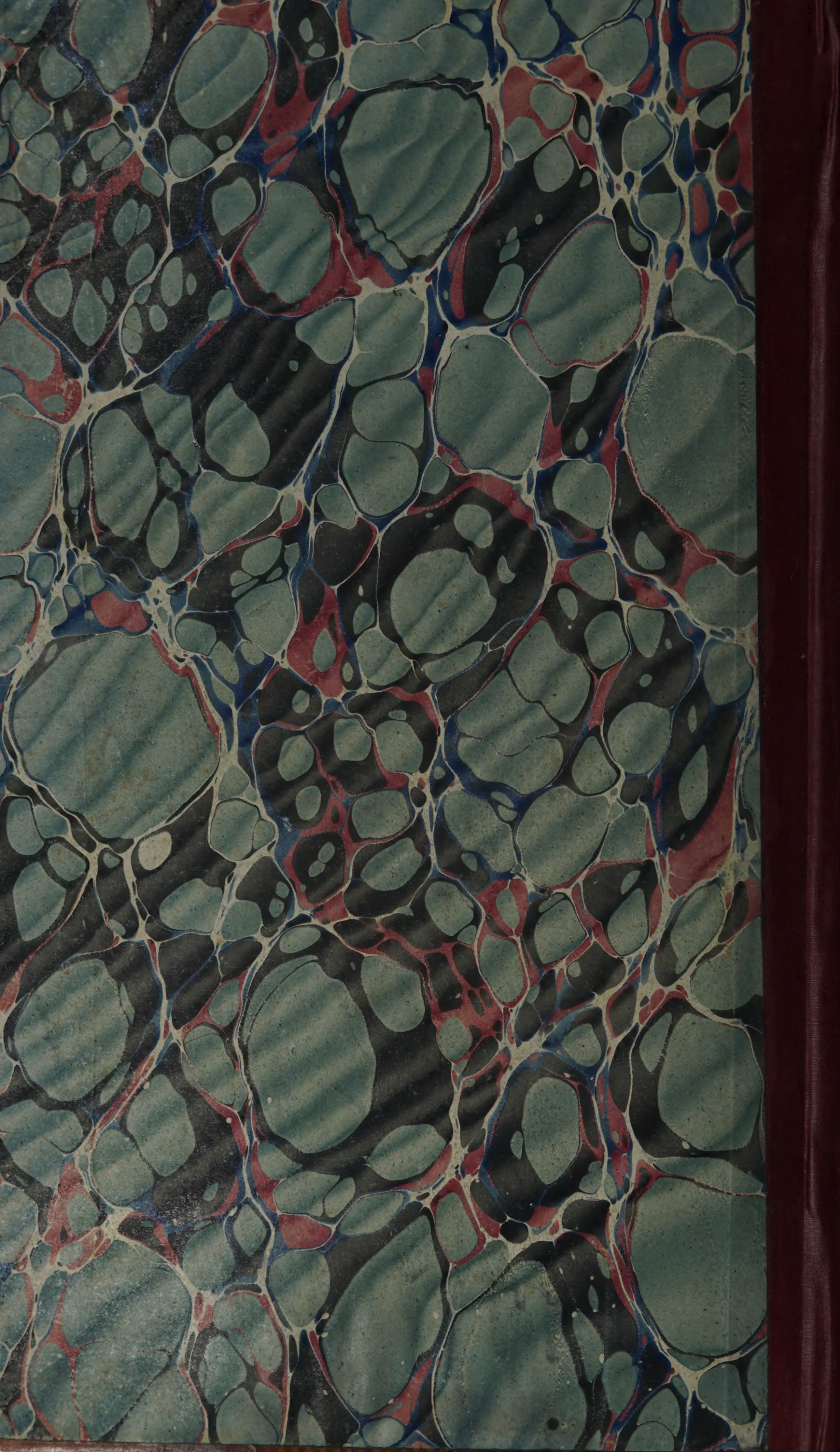


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At New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Port by adjournments from the 14th of 6th month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1852.

2^d day morning— Met agreeably to the adjournment of last year, and after a season of retirement proceeded to business.

By accounts from our several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed their Representatives to this Meeting—viz—

For Rhode-Island — — Avis Mumford, Elizabeth Meader, Mary Shove, Anna Mott, Elizabeth Peckham, Elizabeth Shove, Lydia C. Smith, Lois Perry Anna Howland, and Phoebe C. Reynolds,

For Salem — Mary Chase, Hymana T. Bruns, Elizabeth Page, Mary E. Bruns, Rachel B. Holmer, Ruth J. Challis, and Olivia C. Oliver

For Sandwich — — Lucy H. Wing, Ruth Davis, Phoebe R. Gifford, Beulah W. Rogers, Lydia C. Mitchell, Sarah H. Anthony, Barbara Gifford, Betsy P. Wood and Elizabeth C. Wing

For Smithfield — Mary B. Farnum, Lydia R. Kelley, Roanara W. Groom, Mary B. Wing Anna B. Earle, Catherine Comstock, Sarah D. Wheeler and Ruth Fay

For Falmouth — Lydia H. Jones, Cynthia Hanson, Emily Day, Abigail S. Goodard, Patience B. Winslow and Jane C. Minot

For Vassalborough — Anna Cato, Rachel W. Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Ann C. Robinson, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodore S. Pope, and Patience Goodard

For Dover — — Phoebe H. Meaur, Ruth Sawyer, Hannah S. Sawyer, Lydia Thompson, Jane M. Conney Hannah Morrill and Mary Jane Hussey

For Fairfield — — Patience D. Swan, Olive Wing, Sarah W. Partridge, Lydia Shepherd, Eunice W. Farr, and Lavina Jones, who are present except two — for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been assigned

Through the medium of the accounts we are informed

we are informed, that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Lois Perry to station of an Elder; Salem Quarterly Meeting, has united with Sea brook M^c Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth J. Chatterice to the station of an Elder - Dover M^c Meeting, has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah B. Roberts, also with the same meeting, in the appointment of Moses Roberts to the station of an Elder - That Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with St Albans, M^c Meeting in the appointment of Lois Beale and Thomas Partridge to the station of Elders -

Lively and acceptable Epistles from our dear friends of Dublin, North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio and New York Yearly Meetings have been read at this time greatly to our encouragement & under a renewed sense that this our Epistolary correspondence strengthens the bond of Christian fellowship, we appoint our friends Lydia Congdon, Phoebe R. Gifford, Lydia R. Kelley, Sarah H. Tobey, Hannah Gould Jr, Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Betsy D. Wood, Theodora S. Pope, Miriam Sewall, Rachel S. Howland, Eliza B. Boyce, Hannah J. Taber, Olivia C. Oliver, Ann Elmira Lang, Olive Wing, Abigail M. Hanson, Patience E. Swan, Eunice Day, Elizabeth Wing, Mary B. Farnum, Susan Howland, and Elizabeth Meader, to take into consideration the subject of addressing our Beloved Sisters of other Yearly Meetings, and if way should open for it prepare Essays, and present to future sittings of this Meeting -

Certificates have been received on behalf our beloved friends Daniel Barker from Holly Spring M^c Meeting N. Carolina - Harvey Darby, Sherr from Salem M^c Meeting Iowa, Charles Taber from Farnham M^c Meeting Canada West - Seneca Hazard from Harrisburg M^c Meeting within the limits of N. York M^c Meeting (Vermont) - Edith Puffinb from West land M^c Meeting, within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, Penn^a, Elizabeth K. Irish from Peru M^c Meeting held at Susable N. Y., - and Eliza Brewer from Leeds M^c Meeting Canada West. - +

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Jonathan Sands and his Wife Sarah Sands, & ours of Hope well M^o Meeting, Joseph Berlin of M^o Meeting, S. C. companion to our friend Daniel Barker - Jesse Kenworthy an Elder from Westland M^o Meeting Penn^a - and Lydia H. Stanley from Andover M^o Meeting Penn^a companions to our friend Edith Griffith - Maria Gardner of Leeds M^o Meeting, in company with Wife Persis Gardner as companion to our friend Eliza Butler, and of Paul Southwick from Peru M^o Meeting, companion to our friend Charles Tubor - Satisfactory Testimonials from these several meetings were read -

The company of the above named friends, with others in attendance, from neighbouring Yearly Meetings has been a strength and encouragement to us -

The certificates expressive of unity with our friends as ministers & of their present religious engagements were read to our satisfaction -

We appoint our friends Sarah H. Anthony, Sarah H. Tohy, Amanda Buffinton, Hannah Merrill, and Lydia C. Smith, to prepare a Summary, to be read in connection with the answers to the Queries -

The Representatives are requested to ^{meet &} confer on the subject of Clerks at the close of this sitting and report this afternoon -

2^d day Afternoon - Assembled near the 4th hour -

Our friend Elizabeth Meader on behalf of the Representatives, informs, that they have conferred together on the subject of Clerks, and were united in proposing Susan Howland for Clerk and Eliza B. Boyce for assistant, which being acceptable to the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that service -

An ⁺encouraging and ⁺interesting Epistle from our dear Sisters of Indiana Yearly Meeting has been read at this time - Also the London printed Epistle which has been deeply instructive - The admonition and counsel with which it is replete, we trust will be to us as "letters of gold in pictures of silver" - May we receive them to our edification, and encouragement, in every good word and work -

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read at this time. We appoint our friends, Mary Telford, Mary E. Breed, Elizabeth C. Wing, and Eliza A. Osburne, to prepare endorsements to be placed on the Certificates of our friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings.

We have abundant cause to acknowledge that we have been favoured to mingle together in religious exercise & at this time permitted to feel a renewed evidence that as we keep our minds under the humbling power of the Cross of Christ, we shall know the Springs of Living life to cause and the Stone rolled from the wells mouth & the Flock watered.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet tomorrow.

3^d Day Morning met agreeable to adjournment.

The Queries with answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, in connection with a summary prepared therefrom by the friends appointed for that purpose have been read at the present time, eliciting much lively and instructive counsel and admonition which we trust has impressed our minds with a sense of our obligations in fulfilling the requisitions of these important Queries —

Summary — All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except a few small meetings which omissions were occasioned by indisposition and inclement weather — Those on 1st days have generally been attended by the larger portion of our members, yet there is a want of engagement in this important duty, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings, on which account some care has been expended — The hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleeping, and other unbecoming behaviour —

2^d Love, and unity in good agree maintained, detraction guarded against by most friends, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

3^d We believe most friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to discourage the perusal of pernicious books, and corrupt conversation — and to be exemplary herein themselves;

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yet deficiencies are apparent, in supporting our testimony with regard to plainness of speech and apparel, and a more early care and restraint, is evidently wanting. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most ~~respectable~~ families.

6th Careful in the several particulars of this duty, except in a few instances of attending places of public amusement.

5th The circumstances of the poor are generally attended to, and their necessities relieved, Their children partake of learning to fit them for business. we know of none placed from among friends.

6th Many Parents and heads of families, with some of the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline, where deviations have occurred care has been ~~extended~~.

7th No violation of our testimony in these respects, except a few instances of attending meetings, which support a hireling Ministry.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, we know not but punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. I mostly clear as to recording, not wholly clear with regard to certificates, on which account some care has been taken.

10th There has been care to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure as queried after, and to place judgment when it appeared necessary in the authority of Truth according to discipline.

X Under a solemnizing sense, of our varied responsibilities, we adjourn to the time men friends may meet this Afternoon.

3rd day Afternoon. Convened near the 4th hour. An acceptable and lively Epistle from our Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read and is grateful to our feelings. A very interesting report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and is as follows, viz. X

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting,
Boarding

Boarding School at Providence, report, that the object of their appointment have received their attention. — Meetings of the Committee have been held at the school house monthly, and the schools have been visited in the intervals of these meetings by members of the Committee deputed for that service. The semianual examinations at the close of each term have also been attended by the Committee. —

The deportment of the scholars with a few exceptions, has been orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers and a commendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by the advantages enjoyed at the school. —

Among the subjects of more particular concern with the Committee, has been the enforcing the necessity of thoroughness in teaching and learning the rudimentary parts of an English education — correct reading, spelling, and writing a good hand, while more advanced studies, including the Latin, Greek and French languages, mathematics, &c., have been regularly taught. —

A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by school education, has been considered important, and its acquisition has been an object of concern and attention in the school; and much labour has, from time to time, been bestowed to promote conformity to our well-known and consistent practice in relation to simplicity in dress and the use of the plain language. —

The rules of the school in relation to these and other subjects, were, at the first meeting of the Committee the last year, revised, and having been printed, were directed to be furnished to each scholar on entering the school, and to the School Committees of the several M^c Meetings; and it is a very desirable and important that Committees of M^c Meetings should carefully consider, when they are applied to for certificates for scholars to be admitted to the school, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits and moral standing, as well as docility and willingness to conform

conform to the wholesome discipline and rules of the school, and to grant certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects. ~

The proposition of the school Committee to our last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding the meetings for worship in the School-House, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School-Committee at their meeting ^{June 1st} 1821 and it was the conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence should after that time, until the committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the scholars and family to attend. ~

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement of much greater importance than sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there. These difficulties have arisen chiefly in inclement weather, and when it would be improper for children and particularly females, to walk the distance to the meeting in Providence.

But the advantages are many and important: giving the children an opportunity to mingle in their several capacities, in religious concern, in a meeting for worship composed of many friends with whom they are not associated at other times, and a meeting held in the public manner in which our Society have always felt themselves bound to hold their meetings for religious worship.

During the last summer, under the care of the Committee having charge of repairs, new warming apparatus in the schoolhouse, and other improvements, including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of the school house have been made, and have been found beneficial in promoting the health and comfort of the family. Our late valued friend Geo. Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and farther manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniences of the school. ~ At our meeting in the
2d mo,

second month the committee came to the conclusion that the institution, having been in constant operation, with the short vacations, since its first opening in the year 1812, no sufficient time had been afforded to make that thorough repair and renovation of the house, which the convenience health and comfort of the family require, and it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance are necessary to be done, important advantages would be derived by vacating the school for the coming summer term, for a thorough repair and renovation of the school house and appurtenances, the subject was laid before the meeting for Sufferings for their advice in relation thereto. That meeting advised and consented that the school should be vacated until the time of the Yearly Meeting, for the proposed purposes, and that the subject of a longer vacation be then brought before the Yearly Meeting for their decision.

In the mean time a sub-Committee has been authorized to proceed with such of the repairs and improvements as are earliest required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

We have thought that the present time it might be useful and interesting to ~~revisit~~ friends of the early concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of a school for the "virtuous education" of the youth of our Society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this engagement as manifested by a reference to the records of the Yearly Meeting and meeting for Sufferings.

So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when official information was called for from the subordinate meetings in relation to the state of education among them. The next year in 1780, after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the establishment of a school; and it was recommended to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings the promoting of free, liberal and voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises

adequate to the design and importance of the subject. — "And that it become the care of Friends, in future in all the meetings to promote annually subscriptions to be applied to the use of the school, untill the income of the fund shall be sufficient, and to make such annual subscriptions unnecessary."

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the meeting for sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of the case, and entered vigorously upon the work. It was a time when Friends in common with others, were labouring under many difficulties and embarrassments, in consequence of the war then existing between this country and Great Britain. — Nevertheless, in 1782 the meeting for sufferings issued a powerful and extended printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our children should be instructed in "whatsoever things were civil and useful in creation." — This address was liberally responded to, considering the pecuniary situation of most of our members at that time, and from year to year, funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting contributed fully of the income fully of the income in its possession. A room in the meeting-house at Portsmouth, R.I., was prepared for the reception of scholars, and the school was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11^{mo}, 1784.

A very judicious code of regulations was prepared by the meeting for sufferings for the observance of the teacher and scholars, and in a minute on record, they say — "Besides the literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, affection and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and recollection, taught and practised in the ancient schools, and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures."

The school appears to have been continued untill the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate, for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the children of the poor, it was concluded best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate

adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest, to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations.

The concern for reopening the School was frequently revived in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided step towards its establishment until the following communication was received from our late valued friend Moses Brown, viz:

"Providence 4th 5th month 1814.

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

Dear Friends — As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you, that in the course of my confinement from bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been renewedly under my consideration. And believing that a permanent Institution for the guarded education of the rising generation will be productive of their usefulness in Society, and the honour of truth, I have for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about 43 Acres for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon: provided the meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the meeting should appoint a committee, to view the ground and consider of the proposal in this or in any other way that appears to you best. As treasurer of the School Fund I may for your information mention, that its present amount is about nine thousand ~~and~~ ~~three~~ hundred dollars. with desires that this important subject may be considered, and proceeded in conformity to the mind of Truth, that we may hope for its blessing,

I conclude your Affectionate friend,
Moses Brown."

Subscriptions were now renewedly recommended to Friends for the purpose of proceeding in the establishment of the school upon a more extended plan and more permanent

bases than before, which were so liberally made, that in sixth month 1815, it was concluded after mature deliberation, "that the time has come when it will be best to proceed in making provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommodation of the Boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend Moses Brown." Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed according to their ability to promote an object which they felt to be very desirable for the interests of our religious society, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly furnished, the school was opened the 1st of 1st month, 1819.

While many might be enumerated who gave liberally towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support during the infancy of the institution, the following friends have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by means of the income of which more than one half of the expense of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is defrayed, viz: Thomas Pulsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Pickes, Obidiah Brown, Moses Brown, Amy Green and Abraham Shaeffer, Jr. —

Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among a limited number of friends have been several times made for specific objects, as the enlargement of the School buildings, the procuring philosophical apparatus, &c. by which we believe much usefulness has been derived to the School. There are now many improvements and repairs proposed — all very desirable and some absolutely necessary.

If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a subscription for these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be entered into with cheerfulness and liberality. We trust there are none among us, who will not be disposed to do something for this institution — and however small may be the contribution, that some individuals may feel themselves able to make, it will be acceptable and place them on the list of those, who according to their ability, are benefactors to an institution alike intended for the benefit of all — and the usefulness of which has already been extensively felt within our borders, and which we trust under the blessing of Divine Providence, will continue to be experienced not only in our day, but in succeeding generations.

We have during the past year the services of Silas & Sarah A. Cornell as superintendants, — Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stephens as teachers in the boys' school with the addition of John Henry Crossman for the summer, and for ^{Wm} Foster Mitchell for the winter term.

Deborah Holway and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged as teachers in the girls' school, assisted during the winter by Sarah Alice Cornell.

Instruction in the Latin and Greek languages has been given during the summer term by George Perce, and the winter term by Charles F. Brownell.

Elizabeth Prosser has also as last year been engaged as teacher of drawing, and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both schools during the year. Instruction has also been given in the French Language.

The average number of scholars have been 89, viz 48 males and 41 females.

The account of the superintendants and Treasurer of the School Fund has been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending for the winter term have been

By superintendant — — — —	\$ 15,168 30
Interest and insurance paid by treasurer,	159 17
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The income from the School Fund —	\$ 6,838 51
Balance in treasurer's hands last year, — —	178 81
Fine of Manufacturer's Bonds, — — —	2 500 00
Advanced by the Treasurer — — — —	51 85
From board Tuition and other sources,	9,569-17
including balance in Superintendants' ^{hands} last year,	6,034-95
Leaving unexpended in Superintendants' hands	276 65
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	\$15,327 47

From income of funds specially appropriated to this purpose, a further sum has been expended on the Harvard premises, of — — — — \$390 00

We recommend that the terms of last year for board & tuition be continued — books and stationary being charged at

actual cost, viz: for members of our Y^e meetings thirty dollars per term for members of other Y^e meetings, fifty dollars per term, and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting forty five dollars per term, and that the same price be charged for any others that may be admitted, five dollars per term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Latin and Greek languages, and the same charge for French. Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for free board and tuition be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly meetings to send forward to the School Committee in the ninth and third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee, and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

We trust the cause of education and the religious training of the youth of our Society are held in unabated estimation by Friends. The children of our families are a sacred trust committed to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn responsibility attaches.

This Institution for the guarded education of the youth of our Society, which has been so much the object of the religious concern and care of Friends, and which has shewn so largely in their liberality in its founding and support, will we trust, continue to be the object of our diminished interest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Stephen A Chase, Clerk.

Providence, 6th month, 1st 1852

Very interesting report of the Boarding School has been read at this time which is satisfactory and encouraging and we appoint our friends Mary A Smith, Elizabeth Mander, Susan L Brown, Eliza B Boyce, Lydia Congdon, Mary R Wing, Ruth Eate, Ruth Fry, Lydia H Jones, Cynthia Hanson, Theodore S Pope, Anna Cates, Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer, Sarah T. Sampson & Olive Wing to unite with a Committee of men friends, in proposing the names of friends to constitute a School Committee to serve the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting of this meeting.

An interesting and impressive memorial concerning our worthy aged friend Stephen Jones has been read to our comfort and instruction, giving a renewed evidence of the power of redeeming grace through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting having proposed to this meeting to alter a portion of our Discipline. We appoint our friends Anna D Wing, Mary Thove, Miriam Nowell, Susan L Brown, Ruth Baker, Lydia C Mitchell, Thosby Andrews, Eliza A Osburne, Jane C Minch, Cynthia Hanson, Elizabeth S Baker, Martha E Pratt, Hannah J Sawyer, Phoebe H Mander, Lydia Shepherd, and Sarah T Sampson

to unite with a committee of men friends in considering the proposition, and report to a future sitting of this meeting. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that their meetings heretofore held in Portsmouth in the 4th mo. be in future held at New Port at the same time, with which this meeting unites.

Smithfield 2^d Q Meeting has united with the Select 2^d Q Meeting to change the hour of holding that meeting in the 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11th mo's from 11 o'clock in the forenoon to 12 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day as heretofore, which is united with by this meeting.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet tomorrow morning. 4th day morning met pursuant to adjournment. An interesting memorial from Salem M Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Septimia

Has been read at this time, also one from Pease M^o Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Alice Dye, and they have been deeply humbling and comforting to many minds, under a precious renewed sense, of the goodness of our heavenly Father who thus condescends to visit in early life the little ones even under very trying circumstances, and by the emanation of His pure and Holy Spirit to impress their susceptible hearts with His love. Through the mediation of His dear Son, make them Lambs of his fold and sheep of his pasture dignified in their day, and as ensamples to the flock, going in and out before the people in that meekness and humility, which characterizes and so becomes the humble dedicated followers of the Lamb. Under a solemnizing sense of divine favour. — We adjourn to the time men friends may meet this Afternoon —

4th day Afternoon assembled near the 4th hour — An Epistle addressed to Indiana Yearly Meeting has been read approved and signed —

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings have been read at this time and are very interesting and satisfactory and we acknowledge it a privilege to be furnished with the proceedings of that body —

An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting addressed to the different yearly Meetings on this Continent replete with Christian sympathy and encouragement has been acceptably read at this time —

Adjourned to the time men friends may meet tomorrow —

5th day Afternoon met agreeable to Adjournment Essays of Epistles addressed to London, Dublin and Ohio, have been read and approved & signed by the Clerk. The Report of the Committee on change of place for holding the Yearly Meeting was accepted — and the same Committee continued to apply to Salem M^o Meeting to ascertain what accommodation that meeting will extend to the Y^o Meeting in order for its holding its sessions there, and on what terms — make a definite estimate of what buildings will be required to be erected by this meeting

meeting and what other arrangements may be necessary and at what cost, also what portion of the expense can be obtained by voluntary subscriptions and report upon the whole subject to this meeting next year -

The Committee to visit subordinate meetings Report as follows viz - "To the Yearly Meeting -

The committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit such of the subordinate meetings, families and individuals as way may open for, and to labour for the support of our Christian testimonies and discipline Report: +

That from time to time, as members of the committee have felt their minds drawn, as they trust in gospel love, they have visited each of the 24 Meetings, and presented their minute of appointments in all of them but one, several of the monthly Preparative and particular meetings have also been attended, and in some of them the families of friends have been visited.

In the course of our several visits we have thankfully to acknowledge, that the good hand of our heavenly Father, to the visiting and comforting us before Him, enabling us to attend to the services as way has opened, to the satisfaction and relief of our minds

Our visits have all been received by friends with cordiality and love, and we have reason to hope that strength & encouragement have in many instances resulted -

Our prospect is that some services of the same nature for which we were appointed, yet remain to be attended to -

On behalf of the Committee

Rowland Greene.

New York, 6th mo 16, 1852 -

Mary B Harnum -

The foregoing Report having been united with and under an apprehension that usefulness would result from appointing a committee for a similar service, our friends Mary B Harnum, Phoebe R Gifford, Elizabeth Meador Hannah S Sawyer, Elizabeth Wing, and Eunice Metcalf; Martha Meador, Ruth Sawyer, Ruth Davis Mary E Bond Susan Howland, Mary H Wing, Elizabeth Page, Lydia Compton, Ann Elmina Lang, Maria Cates, Susan L Brown

Phoebe Taylor, Hannah Merrill, Olive Wing, Rachel S. Howland,
Mary Papp, Eliza B Boyce are appointed to unite with a committee
of men Friends in visiting subordinate meetings families and in
rendering such advice & assistance as under the guidance of their wisdom they may be
devoted to as way may open for and report to this meeting next
year. The adjourn to the 10th hour to morrow morning.

On day morning the 18 Inst met near the 10th hour

The Committee on Education presented a report which
is as follows viz. "To the Yearly Meeting"

The Committee on Education Report, that from accounts
received from 27 M^o Meetings, there are within their limits Children
from four to 16 years of age, 1051; from 16 to 21, 485. M^o Meeting
schools 1, Preparative meeting Schools 1, Family Schools 1, Friends
children attending mixed Schools, 1128. Average continuance,
5 1/2 months. Friends children attending same, 416. Number
of M^o Meetings from which no account has been received,
3.

In addition there are within our limits several schools
established and controlled by Friends, whose advantages are
to some not in religious profession with us. Many mixed
Schools are also taught by our members. Several meetings
of the Committee have been held, and altho' we cannot report
much active service, there continues we believe in the minds of
many Friends, a lively concern to facilitate in every possible
way the religious guarded literary education of our Youth.
On recurring to the original Minutes of 1846, constituting this
Committee, we find that a concern for the religious education
of the Youth of our Society, is referred to as one long felt by the
Yearly Meeting. So full evidence on this point has been laid
before you at this time, by another committee, that we need
not further allude to it than to express our full concurrence with
them therein, and ~~under~~ sense of its intimate connection with the
permanent and highest welfare of our religious Society. We
fully believe, that in a view of its far reaching influence, a few
subjects of any, of greater moment can engage the attention of
Friends. Some of our number have attended the semi-an-
nual examination of the Boarding School. In the con-
cern of the School Committee, as expressed in their interest-
ing report to promote thoroughness in the elementary branches
of Study, we feel much unity. We think it also a question

well worthy the consideration of Friends, whether something may not be done to encourage our younger members to continue longer at this institution - perhaps by marking out for their pursuit such a regular and comprehensive course of study as might be matured by the School Committee. We are aware that the circumstances of many Friends, might, at first view appear to preclude this course, but we believe that in proportion as we attain that thoroughness in the education of our Youth, which has been recommended by the School Committee, will be our success in infusing the love of learning - and this point once gained, we trust that little practical difficulty will be found in pursuing it, and that our Boarding School at Providence, will present such facilities as to overcome most of the temptations to go beyond our borders for a liberal education -

We have at this time reviewed with much interest to that portion of the records of the School Committee which evinces the concern and the labours of Friends, (several of whom have now passed from works to rewards) at various times, to extend the means of instruction offered to our children at the Yearly Meeting School, and under the minute of our appointment, we have thought it might be our place to encourage Friends to renew attention upon this subject. We think that a careful view of the actual state of education among us, and especially when we consider its advancement in the community around us, would incite Friends to labour in this direction. We think that a careful view to such an extended education as is calculated better to qualify our members generally for the proper discharge of our various, social, civil & religious duties. The Boarding School has been and we trust may be increasingly useful in furnishing teachers for our own and for public schools. From the early history of the Institution, this consideration has been regarded as highly important, and we cannot forbear the expression of a hope that such of our junior members as incline to prepare themselves for this vocation, may continue to find at this School the means of qualification

equal at least to those about us, and in some degree commensurate with the importance of the subject.

From the information received at this time it appears that the number of Friends children in the attendance of First day Schools has considerably increased during the past year. Ample room however yet remains for the exertions of concerned Friends in this undertaking, and we have desired their encouragement in the establishment of these schools, wherever a sufficient number of children can be collected for the purpose.

In the present condition of many of our members, from their scattered location and limited means, the attendance of their ~~children~~ at mixed schools is perhaps unavoidable.

We believe it a concern of more importance to the welfare of our religious society that Parents so circumstanced should feel the great responsibility which rests upon them, and that they may be enabled by a rightly directed moral and religious training of their beloved offspring, to counteract the injurious influence which associations in such schools would be likely to exert upon their minds.

It has been a renewed encouragement to the committee to learn that the daily practice of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures is becoming more general in the families of Friends. This Committee having been continued from year to year since 1846, we believe that usefulness to the cause will result from a new appointment at this time, should the Yearly Meeting deem it proper again to entrust this concern to a committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas S. Gifford Clerk

New York, 6th month 16, 1852.

The Report being read was satisfactory to the meeting and following Friends are appointed to unite with a similar Committee of men Friends to attend to general service of promoting the general education of our youth and they are desired to report to this meeting next year. Abby Dennis, Dorcas B. Robinson, Mary R. Congdon, Catherine C. Horwicks, Phoebe Reynolds, Sarah Slade, Amanda M. Buffinton, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia Pope, Martha S. Hawkes

Ruth of Challice, Susan L Brown, Sabina A Page, Mary
A Page, Mary J Page, Elizabeth Dillingham, Rhoda G Wing
Sarah J Brown, Mary Shepherd, Phoebe R Gifford, Maria
B Smith, Lydia C East, Barbara Gifford, Lydia C Mitchell
Sarah M Easton, Mary Gifford, Sarah H Anthony, Sarah A
East, Rebecca W Grover, Ann H Cotton, Elizabeth Southwick
Rebecca A May, Sarah A May, Patience B Winslow, Hannah P
Meador, Esther Jones, Elvira C Southland, Mary Brackett,
Mary Cardland, Maria Pope, Eunice Day, Lavina May
Phoebe Taber, Patience Poole, Rachel W Jones, Hannah R
Taber, Elizabeth T Cook, Abigail M Hanson, Ruth Sawyer
(Synthia Buppert), Mary J Hussey, Abigail C Bucke, Sarah
Hoag, Phoebe Taylor, Olive Wing, Betsy J Bailey, Mary H Bailey
Lydia Shepherd & Sarah W Partidge.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a
change of discipline in relation to marriage presented the follow-
ing Report viz. +

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change
of discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smithfield
2d Meeting, have considered the same, and are united in rec-
ommending, that the provision of the Discipline which pro-
hibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother, or a deceased
wife's sister, should be rescinded;

For the Committee

Benjamin May

Newport Decr. 17, 1852

Mary Shove.

which being considered is united with by this and the
mens meeting

The Committee under Appointment to
propose the names of a School Committee Report as
follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint Committee of men and women Friends, appointed
to consider and propose to this meeting the names of suitable
Friends to constitute a committee to have the charge of the
Boarding School at Providence have united upon the
following viz Eunice Metcalf, Sarah H Tobey, Olivia C
Oliver

Miriam H. Bruce, Rhoda Howland, Mary R. May, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth J. Colburn, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodore J. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phoebe Holladay, Lydia J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. East, Lydia R. Kelley, Anna J. Lennet, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Bruce, Susan Howland & Mary Williams.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,

Abigail M. Hanson!

Which is satisfactory and the same Committee that served last last year are reappointed to have the charge of the Boarding school with the exception of our friend Geo' Howland (removed by death) the vacancy is supplied by our friend John Meader, and they are encouraged to give such attention thereto as will promote the best interests of the institution & report to this meeting next year. The several propositions contained in the Report of the Boarding School committee, which was read in a former sitting, having claimed the attention of this meeting, it is concluded in unison with many friends that the School shall continue to be vacated during the present Summer Term for purposes as set forth in said report. And we would encourage friends to contribute according to their freedom and ability towards raising the funds necessary for repairs, and improvements at the Institution. And though the sum may be small, that some individuals may be able to give, let them bear in mind, that the Widows mite in the Lords treasury was acceptable even before those who of their abundance cast in much and to aid in the promotion of this desirable object we appoint our friends Hannah Gould Jr. Deccus B. Robinson, Lois J. Greene, Sarah Stader, Mary Ann Collins, Eunice B. Boyce, Ruth J. Chellis, Hyena S. Bruce, Ruth H. Baker, Beulah W. Rogers, Nancy S. Potter, Deborah C. Gifford, Sarah Easton, Rhoda Howland, Thirby Andrews, Sarah P. Wheeler, Betty Aldrich, Lydia H. Jones, Esther Jones, Mary Ann Winslow, Emma Robinson, Elizabeth S. Taber, Susanna Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah Morrell, Martha Meader, Phoebe Taylor Eunice W. Hare & Lydia Shepherd, to unite with a committee of men friends

to attend to the general service of promoting the guarded education of our youth and they are desired to report to this meeting next year.

The Clerks are requested to present some extracts from the minutes to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings. We adjourn to the time our friends may meet this afternoon.

6th day Afternoon met near the 3 hour. Essays of Epistles addressed to Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and North-Carolina were read approved & signed by the Clerk.

Our friends inform that they have concluded to make some change in our article of discipline relative to burial grounds, agreeable to a report of a Committee from that meeting, which has been read and being considered is fully & cordially united with by this meeting.

The Committee to prepare Endorsements for our dear friends that are with us from other Yearly Meetings have presented them at this time and they have been read and approved and signed by the Clerk.

Extracts from the minutes of this Y^{ly} meeting have been read & approved and the Clerk is directed to sign & forward them to our subordinate meetings.

Having been mercifully favoured to transact the important concerns that have come before us, in much harmony and concension we would reverently

acknowledge that it is in unmerited mercy we have experienced this favour & realized that the Lord has been graciously near to help us unworthy as we are of the least of His mercies & under the sweetly uniting influence of His love, we bid one another Farewell, purposing to meet at the usual time and place next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Susan Howland Clerk.

Extracts

Humbling and contrition has been the renewed sense of our finite dependant situation, and that it only as we are enabled to draw nigh unto God, that He condescends to draw nigh unto us, and that it is by the enriching influence of His grace and good Spirit that we realize in whom are all our springs.

In assembling together at this time, many of us have felt the query to arise, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But as the eye of the mind is kept single to our divine Guide, we have experienced a portion of that strength, that is made perfect in weakness, and a renewed evidence has been given that the promise will be verified; that "light shall rise out of obscurity, and darkness become as the noonday." May we strive individually to live so near to Him, "who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life," as to know the power of the ever Blessed Truth to prevail in our hearts, qualifying us to do the work assigned us in His Church and service, to the eternal praise and honour of His great and excellent name.

The exercises and transactions of the business of this meeting have been marked by that sweet unity which characterizes the humble dedicated servants, of our Divine Master — whose lowly, humble, self-denying example, when personally among men, is ever worthy of being kept in view, together with his holy precepts, that thereby we may be enabled to fulfil the law of Christ, and know of a truth a passing from death unto life, rejoicing even in tribulation; knowing in the line of our experience that it worketh patience, patience experience, and experience hope — that hope that maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in the heart.

Our Yearly Meeting has been large, and we have had the company of many dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labours of love have been strengthening and animating to us, and while the many deficiencies, apparent from reading the answers to the Queries, have been brought into view, our minds have been introduced into a lively exercise, and desires have been raised, for the more faithful support of our various Christian Testimonies, particularly by
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in regard to plainness of speech behaviour and apparel. That in the early training of their children, mothers may be encouraged to keep these testimonies in view, believing as we fully do - that simplicity and a separation from the spirit of the world is enjoined by the gospel of Christ -

An interesting and encouraging Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read giving a full and explicit account of the Concern of friends of our Yearly Meeting, very early in its rise, to promote literally the guarded, religious and literary education of the youth of our Society, which has incited in our minds a feeling of emulation, that with all our increased ability and advantages for the promotion of this deeply interesting object, we may be renewedly concerned to ask in Faith for counsel and direction with regard to our duty therein, and under the uniting influence of the Holy Spirit, may we not cherish the hope that a blessing may continue to rest upon this institution. We would encourage friends to contribute according to their freedom and ability towards raising the funds necessary for repairs and improvements at the institution, (the school being vacated during the summer term to effect this desirable and necessary object) and though the sum may be small that some individuals may feel able to give, let them bear in mind that the wife's mite was acceptable in the Lord's treasury, even before those "who of their abundance cast in much" -

In looking upon those who have been privileged in the attendance of this Yearly Meeting, our hearts have been drawn into sympathy with those, who from various circumstances are absent. We would encourage these to come before the Lord with their offerings, and be renewedly concerned to be found in the acceptable state, sitting at the feet of Jesus, hearing the gracious words that may proceed out of his mouth. That even those who through affliction and deep wading, feel themselves stricken and smitten of God, may know the consolations of Christ to abound, and be prepared to minister at the altar, and compass it availingly for his

Church

Church and people everywhere, - promoting the blessed cause
unto their hearts through the blood of the everlasting covenant
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Interesting memorials from Salem and Thine All Meeting
concerning our beloved deceased friends, Siphonia and
Alice Page, have been truly awakening and impressive, under
a precious renewed sense of the goodness of our heavenly Father
who thus condescends to visit in early ^{life} (even under very try-
ing circumstances) the little ones, and by the emanations of
His pure and holy Spirit, to impress their susceptible hearts
with His love, and through the mediation of His dear Son
make them Lambs of His fold and Sheep of His pasture:-
dignified and eminent in their day, as ensamples to the
flock, adorning the doctrine they delivered to others, going in
out before the people, in that meekness and humility, that
designates and becomes the humble followers of the lowly
Jesus.

Having been mercifully enabled to transact the
important concerns that have come before us, in much
harmony and concord, we would reverently
acknowledge that it is in unmerited mercy we have ex-
perienced this favour, and have realized that the
Lord has been pleased to be near to help us, unworthy as
we are of the least of His mercies, and under the sweetly
uniting influence of His love we bid one another
affectionately farewell, purposing to meet at the usual
time and place next year if the Lord permit.

From the minutes of the aforesaid Meeting
Susan Howland Clerk

To the London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Your acceptable Epistle of the present
year has been received and read, to our comfort and
encouragement, bringing you very near in the love and
unity of the gospel, & causing ^{us} a wish to feel the value of
this Christian intercourse one with another. The
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Unity of the gospel of Christ is indeed a blessed unity, and is to be witnessed only by those who are alike concerned, to follow Him, in the way in which he is pleased to lead them. — All these however widely scattered, however varied their allotments, or however tried their situation may be, are bound together in a measure of His love, are concerned for the same glorious cause, and are enabled availingly to breathe for each others preservation. — We believe we believe we have known something of this engagement — amidst the trials of which we have been partakers of late time; it has been sweet to feel, & strengthening to believe, that we had your sympathy & love & that your prayers, were raised on our behalf, that we might be kept, and that the blessed cause of Truth might not suffer in our hands, —

And while we are deeply sensible of our own unworthiness, and our short comings, we feel bound to commemorate the mercies that have been extended to us, by our Father in Heaven, & to return thanks unto Him to whom alone they are due. —

Our present yly meeting is well attended & has proved a season, in which we have been brought very near together in love, and in a united concern in regard to the many deficiencies, that are apparent amongst us, and unweild desires have been raised in our hearts, for increased faithfulness in the support of our various Christian Testimonies.

For the beloved youth, many of whom are in attendance of this meeting, we continue with you to feel a deep interest & earnestly to desire, that they may be brought so to submit to the baptizing power of the Holy Spirit, that they may experience the new birth, become new Creatures, know old things to be done away, and all to become new, and all of God. —

And we would seriously impress upon the tender minds of this most interesting class, both with you and us — this solemn truth, that a change

change of heart must be witnessed by all, before they can become true members of the Church of Christ, before they can become established in the doctrines of our blessed Lord, and receive and acknowledge them in their fullness and purity - but when through the mighty power of Him, with whom all things are possible, this blessed change is wrought, these become qualified for usefulness in his service, and are enabled greatly to rejoice in God their Saviour -

The distressed and degraded condition of those who are held in bondage in this land, continue to claim our attention, and while the way seems closed for any direct action from us at present, we earnestly desire that you with us, & we with you, as we are permitted to approach the Throne of mercy for ourselves and the loved ones that are given us, may bear these suffering ones also upon our hearts before Him who has all power both in Heaven & on the Earth - interceding with Him that He will be pleased for His mercies sake, to hasten the day when their bonds shall be loosened and the oppressed go free - With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters - Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting - Susan Howland Clark -

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Sisters

In the unity of spirit which the Apostle defines the badge of true discipleship do we desire to salute you, endeavouring to centre our minds on that which will enable us to make the pure witness in the heart, and breathe in the Spirit of the gospel, "Praise to God in the highest, on earth Peace and good will to men."

In the reading of your acceptable Epistle of 4th mo last our minds were introduced into sympathy with you, accompanied with a desire that we may become increasingly one another's strength & help in the Lord & be made instrumental in His fear in promoting the work of regeneration - Awaitingly interceding with the Psalmist "Create in me a clean & Good and renew a right spirit in me", which will work for us a far more and exceed-
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exceeding and eternal weight of glory, through the mediation and atoning blood of the dear Redeemer, who is the propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of mankind - for truly it is not by works of righteousness that we have done but by the grace of God we are what we are and thanks be unto the Lord who giveth us the victory through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Yearly Meeting has been large, and the power of Spirit has been the covering of many minds, yet we humbly believe the Father of all our sure mercies has been pleased to preside as He always doth, enabling us to transact the weighty concerns that have come before us in much harmony and Christian condescension.

Many of the beloved youth are in attendance, who have been feelingly and tenderly admonished to "buy the Truth and sell it not." We reverently believe there are some that are under the preparing hand of the Lord; far usefulness in the militant Church as standard-bearers to take the places of those that are removed and are yet removing from our midst, who have stood for the precious cause Truth and righteousness to the praise and honour of Israel's God.

We have had the company of several Beloved friends from neighbouring Y^e meetings whose labours of love have been strengthening and encouraging to us to hold on our way in humble Confidence in our blessed Redeemer on whom alone availing help is laid imparting strength in weakness and help in the needful time to His own eternal praise & glory.

The suffering and degraded condition of those held in bondage, by their fellow men claims our kindest sympathy, and may we be found ever ready to avail ourselves of every means that may in any way promote the cause of universal emancipation, and thereby remove from our beloved Country this disgraceful traffic in a Christian land.

With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Susan Howland Clark

To South Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Beloved Sisters

Having been favoured at this time with kindly Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings but ones with which we usually correspond, the feelings occasioned by this renewed evidence of Christian love, have encouraged us to endeavour by a similar medium to convey to our endeared Sisters the sense which prevails amongst us of the continued loving kindness of the Shepherd of Israel for the mercies we are receiving from his holy hands; may we strive to love Him above all things, and to cherish that precious unity, one with another which is the genuine fruit of the love of God shed abroad in the heart. This excludes all that would have a tendency to alienate our affections, or to hurt and destroy this plant of the good husbandman, one branch from this root is humility and lowliness of mind; without which no gift can be permanent.

Our blessed Lord declared himself to be meek and lowly in heart, and we cannot be His followers without this attainment.

Our meeting has been large, and we have had the company of many dear friends from other Y^{ly} meetings, whose company & gospel labours have been strengthening to us, they have imparted to us much salutary counsel, which we desire may be profitably remembered by every class in the body.

A lively concern has prevailed for our younger Sisters believing that renewed visitations of our Heavenly Father's love has been extended to them, may the watchful care of their Beloved dear Sisters prove a blessing to them preserving them from the evils to which they are exposed.

And may these tenderly visited children with you and with us be encouraged to submit cheerfully to the forming Hand of the Lord in this year which is the beginning of wisdom and the basis of true knowledge know a being taught of Him, who graciously condescends to teach and instruct in the way of life and salvation.

We have had our minds tendered by the voice occasioned by the removal of several Beloved friends, who have been accustomed to mingle with us in our annual gatherings, who are now released from the field of labour, and we have craved that the rising generation, may lay it to heart

heart and come up with unserved dedication of soul to
the support and promotion of the cause of Truth & righte-
ousness, and becoming living examples in their conduct
and conversation, adorning the doctrines of our dear
Redeemer, exerting a healthful influence on the flock &
family.

We deeply feel for our coloured brethren in
their sufferings, and fervently desire that He who hea-
rth the cry of the poor & meek will incline the hearts of all
to obey the divine injunction, whatsoever ye would that
men should do to you, do ye even so to them"

We have had the acceptable company of many
dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings whose
company and labours of love have been a comfort &
strength to our minds

With renewed feelings of Christian fellowship
we are your Sisters

Signed by acclamation and on behalf of the meeting

Susan Howland Clarke

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Feeling that the master of Assemblies,
in His adorable mercy, has condescended at this season
to be unto us "as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the
shadow of a great Rock in a weary land", we would
gratefully commemorate His goodness, and implore
ability to wait as at His holy feet, for the manifesta-
tion of that life & power, which can enable us to perform
our several duties, and to become one anothers helpers
in the Lord. Our hearts have been drawn towards
that class, who ^{we} may address as the mourners in Zion
& the heavy hearted in Jerusalem; who feel the burden
to rest heavily upon them, and at times are concerned
to stand as between the porch and the Altar, with the
petition "Spare thy people Oh Lord and give not thy
heritage to reproach", may these be comforted by
the declaration, that the fervent official prayer of
the righteous man availeth much, and the gracious
promise

promise that He will "oppress not those that mourn, heavily for ushers, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" - hence in the blessed persuasion that these His promises are unchangeable Counsel and encouragement has been sweetly blended and like the gentle dew of Heaven, revive the drooping mind; The dear Mothers have been affectionately entreated to watch prayerfully over the precious lambs entrusted to their care, and to restrain and guard them from all that would wound their innocence, or retard the growth of the plant of renown in their hearts. And a concern is felt that the Beloved Youth may be encouraged by the example and precept of their dear Parents, and elder Sisters to prize the privileges with which they are blessed; and choose the Lord for their portion, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when they shall say they have no pleasure in them." unto you dear Sisters, we look with hope for a succession of Standard-bearers and as you yield in Obedience to the still small voice of the Spirit which speaketh in the secret of your hearts, saying This is the way walk thou in it, you will witness a preparation to receive that mantle of love, which has been as a shield in the hour of trial and temptation to those who have borne the burden in the heat of the day, and in whose hearts aspirations arise, for the preservation of the precious lambs within the enclosure of our Beloved Society, Oh may the wiles of the Tempter never be permitted, to blight one of these precious buds of promise, but may they be as a tree planted by the waters.

This our annual Assembly has been large & a solemn and interesting season, and the important affairs of Society have been transacted in harmony and love; many of our dear young Sisters are in attendance some of whom by their attention and deportments give evidence that they have in a measure been permitted to feel the excellency of pure and undefiled religion, and the necessity of the daily cross in following a Crucified and risen Lord.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle with those from other Yearly Meetings afresh remind us of the words of the Apostle, Absent in body but present in Spirit;

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and it is consoling to believe these sisterly communications
bind us more closely together in that unity of spirit which
is the bond of peace.

We deeply feel for our coloured brethren
in their sufferings, and fervently desire that He who hea-
rth the cry of the poor and needy, will incline the hearts of
all to obey the injunction, "what soever ye would that men
should do to you, do ye even so to them."

We are at this time favoured with the company
of several dear friends from neighboring Y^e meetings
whose labours of love have been a comfort & strength
to many minds.

With a salutation of love we bid you farewell.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Susan Howland Clark

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Mount
Pleasant Ohio

Dear Sisters

On reading your lively Epistle
of last year, together with those received from different
Y^e meetings, we felt renewedly to appreciate the value
of this our Epistolary correspondence, believing that as it is
maintained in richness of life, the bond of Christian union
becomes thereby strengthened. Truth speaks the same
language every where, and under its blessed influence, the
hearts of believers are prepared to edify one another in love,
being united in the fellowship of the gospel and through
mercy made partakers of the same blessed hope, they
drink together of the same cup both of suffering and
rejoicing, remembering them that are in bonds as bound
with them: We desire for ourselves and for you,
dear Sisters, that our feet may be so established upon
the immutable Rock Christ Jesus, that nothing may ever
be permitted to remove us therefrom, but knowing in whom
we have believed, we may continue to trust and not be
ashamed, remembering for our encouragement the
declaration of Holy Writ, that they that trust in the

Love, shall be as mount Zion that cannot be removed."

It hath a blessed privilege that we may hope to become, "fellow Citizens with the Angels, and of the house hold of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles & Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner Stone; in whom all the building, fitly joined together, groweth into an holy temple in the Lord."

The many deficiencies among us, as, brought to view at this time, in the support of our various Christian testimonies, & cause of deep humility of soul, and we are ready to adopt the language, "It is of the Lords mercies we are not consumed, because because his compassions fail not." and our hearts have been touched with a lively sense of gratitude to Him the Father of all our mercies, & fresh Springs, in that He hath not cast us off, from his favour, but that unworthy as we are, He in mercy continues to visit us, from time to time, both immediately by His holy Spirit, and instrumentally by His servants, several of whom from other Gty Meetings at this time have been dipped into close exercise with "the body", on account of the many departures from that true simplicity, which we as a people, believe the blessed Truth enuncia and ever will lead into. And all who are placed as ensamples to the flock, have been affectionately reminded of the necessity of moderation in all things, that they may be able both by precept and example, availingly to say, Come follow me as I am endeavouring to follow Christ, Mothers exhorted to set a good example to their dear children, and the beloved youth, invited to turn the attention of their minds, from an undue attachment to the vain and fleeting things of this life, and to seek an interest in that Kingdom which fadeth not away - Eternal in the Heavens."

The unhappy condition of that portion of our coloured population, who are held in cruel bondage by their fellow men continues to claim our sympathy & commiseration. And while the way seems closed at present for their liberation, let us not cease in our intercessions to the Throne of Grace, on behalf of this poor and despised people, that He who alone sees the end from the beginning, may by the softening influence of His holy Spirit upon the minds of their oppressors, prepare them to acknowledge the universal brotherhood of the whole human family and that in His own time he will make His arm bear for the relief of the Oppressed. - Since on behalf of the meeting

H. J. Clark

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting of American Friends
Dear Sisters

Under an humbling sense of our inability, of ourselves to perform any good work, we are again engaged to address you; and we much desire that in this our epistolary correspondence, we may be concerned to seek for a renewed qualification, to endeavour to strengthen one another in the Truth. Your acceptable communication of last year has been animating & encouraging to our minds, and we have been led fervently to desire, that both with you and us, there may be deep searching of heart before the Lord. Let us draw nigh with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts, sprinkled from an evil conscience. And hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promises.

May we be engaged with a single eye to look to Him, and by an entire dedication to His holy Will, and through the sanctifying power of His divine grace be prepared to become the followers of a crucified and risen Lord.

In being permitted to meet in this our annual Assembly, we feel bound to acknowledge the unmerited goodness of the great Head of the Church, who still condescends to be with his people, and whose mercies are new every morning.

And dear Friends we feel desirous that all who are engaged in well-doing, may be encouraged to persevere, and not faint and grow weary in the way, remembering the work is the Lord's, and He can carry on His work by means that in the eyes of human wisdom may appear of small account, and that however few in numbers, and however weakness may prevail, yet if He is on our side, and His everlasting arm is underneath who can stand against us.

Verily we shall reap if we faint not, the stumbling Shepherd of Israel who knoweth the thoughts & intents of the heart, and without whose knowledge not a sparrow falleth to the ground, is still mindful of his children. His hand is not shortened that it cannot save

same, neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

We have at this time been favoured with the company of several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labours of love among us have been to our edification and encouragement. we have been affectionately invited to yield our hearts an undivided sacrifice to our Heavenly Father, to be willing to submit to the operations of His divine power, and withdrawing our minds from the world, and the things of the world, to look unto Him in simplicity and sincerity of heart, for ability to enable us to do His holy will.

The unhappy condition of that portion of our coloured population, who are held in cruel bondage by their fellow man, continues to claim our sympathy and commiseration.

And while the way seems closed to their liberation, let us not cease in our intercessions, to the Throne of Grace on behalf of this poor despised people, that He who alone sees the end from the beginning, may by the softening influence of His holy Spirit upon the minds of their oppressors, prepare them to acknowledge the universal brotherhood of the whole human family, and that He may in His own time make bear His arm of power for the relief of the Oppressed.

With a renewed salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the meeting
Susan Howland Clarke

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Notwithstanding several ^{years} have passed without our having received any reply to our annual communication to you — Yet as we believe that this correspondence was established in the Truth — after weightily considering the Subject we do not feel at liberty to withhold the expression of our continued desire, that we may all be preserved on the alone sure foundation Jesus Christ the Rock of ages.

We do not believe it required of us to express many words to you but would revive the language of one of our

unwilling

Annual Meeting.

"O Friends — we greatly desire that the spirit of love — wisdom and a sound understanding — of meekness judgment and mercy may ever rest upon us; that blamelessly we may be kept an holy family — at unity with itself [and with] the Lord God our Redeemer — that He our all may ^{through us} be exalted honoured and praised who is worthy and blessed forever" —

With a renewed salutation of gospel love which we freely offer you, we bid you farewell —

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Susan Howland Clark —

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

Being again permitted to meet in this our annual Assembly, many of our minds have been bowed in reverent thanksgiving to ^{the} Father of all our sure mercies, for the renewed evidence vouchsafed at this time, that He is still mindful of His flock and family in making Himself known by the breaking of bread to the refreshment of the livingly exercised members of the Church —

We have been comforted in the reading of the Salutory Epistles from our dear Sisters from other Y^r meetings, evincing that the language of the Spirit speaketh the same every where — that there is one faith one baptism and one God our all blessed forever to His Church," — And altho' many are the discouragements of our day in the deficiencies ~~in~~ ^{apparent} amongst us — yet we humbly hope and believe, there still remains those whose dwelling is in the low valley of humiliation where prayer is wont to be made, and altho' little may be allotted to these but the lifting up of the soul to God, for preservation for themselves, and for ^{the} flock over which Christ hath made them overseers, may the abiding place of these every where be in the communion of Christ, the only place of safety, and though there may be seasons of suffering to be endured for the

bodies

Asdies sake: the living members of the Church may thus be willing to remain on the watch tower, and sit on the wall whole nights, till the glorious Lord is pleased to arise in His might and in the counsel of His wisdom to make way for the advancement of His cause of Truth and righteousness, and that our broken ranks & vacant Seats may be filled accordingly saying to the "South give up and to the South keep not back", until a little Army may be raised bearing the Ensign of the Prince of Peace, coming to Zion with songs of praise.

Our beloved young friends of whom there are many in attendance, have been invited in the constraining language of Gospel love to give their hearts to God, & the effectual working of His grace, listening to its gentle pleadings in the secret of the heart, that it may be their blessed experience to become as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace, adorned with those gifts and graces, which their Holy Redeemer gives ^{to} those that love and serve Him, And may all of every Class both with you and us, renew our covenants with God by sacrifice, may it be our blessed privilege often to be found at the feet of Jesus that we may hear the gracious words that may proceed out of His mouth.

We have had the very acceptable company of many dear friends from neighboring Y^{et} meetings whose labours of love have been to our edification and encouragement, and may their faithful labours be treasured up in remembrance to our future growth and advancement in the ever blessed Truth.

The distressed and degraded condition of those held in bondage in this land, continued to claim our attention; and while the way seems closed for any direct action for us at present, we earnestly desire that you with us and we with you, as we are permitted to approach the Throne of mercy for ourselves and the loved ones that are given us, may bear these suffering ones also upon our hearts before Him who has all power both in Heaven and on the Earth interceding with Him that He will be pleased for His mercies sake to hasten the day when their bonds shall be loosed and the Oppressed go free.

With a united salutation of love we remain your Sisters—
Yours by direction and on behalf of the meeting—
Susan Howland Clerk—

At New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
held at New Port, by adjournments from the 13th of 6th
month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1853—

2^d day morning—met agreeable to adjournment
at the 9th hour, and after a season of retirement
proceeded to business—

The representatives from our respective
Quarterly Meetings as stated in the accounts received
at this time are viz—

For Rhode Island—Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia
C. Smith, Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Stone,
Anna Howland, Sarah F. Tobey, Sarah Wade and
Ruth Chase—

From Salem—Miriam Newhall, Annis Kime—
Mary E. Breda, Ruth F. Thendike, Hannah H. Sawyer,
Elizabeth Page, and Lydia Pope—

For Sandwich—Ruth H. Baker, Susan Howland—
Anna E. May, Sarah M. Weston, Maria Brown
Phoebe H. Gifford, Nancy S. Tuttle, Barbara Gifford and
Elizabeth Swift—

For Smithfield—Mary B. Farnum, Abigail Sumner
Phoebe S. Hawke, Ruth Earle, Sarah F. Earle, Mary F.
Randall and Lydia E. Liss—

For Falmouth—Jane Collinck, Cynthia Hanson,
Lydia Jones, Lucy B. Douglass, Thankful Hawk,
and Mary Douglass—

For Dasselborough—Ann Jones, Ann & Emira Lang,
Lydia R. Taber, Pease Jones, Rachel W. Jones,
Rebecca Taber, and Mary W. Mac. Laughlin—

For Dover—Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer
Phoebe H. May, and Sarah F. Tuttle—

For Fairfield—Hannah Pope, Patience S. Swan
Sophia D. Bailey, Meribah Richardson—Sara
Pottle, and Lydia Shepherd—

For the absence of all satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

Through the medium of the accounts from the Quarterly Meetings we are informed; that Rhode Island has united with Greenwich M^c Meeting in the appointment of Julia Ann Thiburn to the Station of an Elder; that Salem has united with Salem M^c Meeting, in the appointment of Thiguel Nichols; Sandwich has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Wm D Howland, Wm C Taber, Hannah Trapp, Deborah King, Betsy P Wood, and Sarah H Anthony to the Station of Elders; and that Hallowell has united with Hallowell M^c Meeting in approving the gift, and public appearances in the Ministry of Jane Cullinet and with the same meeting, in appointing Henry Minott, to the Station of an Elder; also with Durham M^c Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Stephen Cartland, with Windham M^c Meeting, in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Amos Hanson and with the same meeting in appointing Lemuel Jones (since deceased), Mary K. Allen and Cynthia Hanson to the Station of Elders.

Acceptable and lively Epistles from our dear Sisters from Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, and Indianas Yearly Meetings has been read at the present time, to our comfort and encouragement, strengthening we trust the bonds of Christian fellowship, and we appoint our friends, Hannah A Taber, Abigail M Hanson, Ann Keene, Mercy R King, Hannah Gould Jr, Sarah A Toby, Miriam Newell, Dorcas H Ducker, Rhoda Howland, Anna J Wood, Ann Jones, Elizabeth Meader, Lydia B Kelley, Lydia Congdon, Hannah Bassett, Mary B Harmon, Furtune E Whitier, Hannah G Sawyer, Phoebe R Gifford, Ann E Smith Long, Susan Howland and Eliza B Boyce, to take into consideration the subject of addressing our

Friends

of other Yearly Meetings, and if way should open for it,
to prepare Essays and present at future sittings of
this meeting.

A Certificate has been read at this time on behalf
of our Beloved friend Cordelia Bayes from Townshire
House M^c Meeting, held in London, one from the Quarters
-ly Meeting for London, and Middlesex, and one from
the meeting of ministers and Elders held in London
expressing of sympathy and unity, with her in her pros-
pect of a religious visit in North America - which
with her company and gospel labours have been truly
acceptable and satisfactory to us.

Certificates have been received and read, on behalf
of our Beloved friends, Gemima Beison from Miami
M^c Meeting, endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting,
Ohio - Anna Thornburg from Walnut Ridge M^c Meeting,
endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting, Sarah M^c
Heat from Duck Creek M^c Meeting endorsed by
Spiceland 2^d meeting (Indiana) - Mary S Watkins
from Goshen M^c Meeting endorsed by Alum Creek 2^d Meeting
(Ohio) and Esther C Weeks from Shippen M^c Meeting
(New York) - These certificates with the religious services
of our friends have been acceptable to us.

We have had the company of our friends Hannah
Star an Elder from Cincinnati M^c Meeting (Ohio) Mary
J Hawley an Elder (companion to Gemima Beison) from
Livingfield M^c Meeting (Ind^a) Hannah S Murray from
New York M^c Meeting, Lydia Bell from Hopewell M^c-
Meeting, companion to Anna Thornburg, Rebecca
Griffin from Spiceland M^c Meeting (Ind^a) companion
to Sarah M^c Heat & Elizabeth C Weaver both an Elder
from Shippen M^c Meeting (New York) companion to
Esther C Weeks - The company of these our beloved
friends with others from neighboring Yearly Meetings,
have been very acceptable and encouraging to us at this
time.

The Representatives are requested to meet to confer
together at the close of this sitting on the subject of
clerks

Clerks and report this afternoon —

Under a renewed sense of Heavenly requests we adjourn to the time our friends may meet this afternoon —
2^d day Afternoon — Assembled near the 4th hour —
Ruth Earl, on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had conferred together on the subject of Clerks and are united in proposing Susan Howland for Clerk and Eliza B. Boyce Assistant Clerk with which this meeting unites, and they are accordingly appointed to that service —

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were now read —

The London Printed Epistle of last year has been read at this time; the solemnizing influence of the deep doctrine and precepts of the gospel contained therein has impressed our minds with a renewed sense of the many mercies and blessings conferred upon us —
We appoint our friends Ann Elmira Lang, Elizabeth Gove, Lydia Congdon, Mary E. Bruce, and Mercy W. Thayer to prepare endorsements to place on the Certificates of our friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock to morrow morning. —

3^d day morning — The meeting assembled according to adjournment —

Having entered upon the State of Society by reading the Queries & answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings, with a summary prepared therefrom, by our friends appointed for that purpose, our minds are weightily impressed with a renewed sense of our shortcomings in sustaining our wholesome discipline in its ancient purity, and simplicity, consistent with our Christian principles — and the lively exercise in a particular manner, relative to love and unity and the attendance of our religious meetings, and the weighty admonition that has been imparted is truly awakening and encouraging. That altho' the Lark hath arisen "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small", there is comfort in the humble belief

believing that as we are favoured to know his God to be our
God, and that there is none else we shall be enabled to
repair to Him, the Strong tower of the faithful; and know
Him to be our present Helper in every needful time.
We who are mercifully favoured as at the present season
to know a little bread broken and handed to us both
immediately and instrumentally, how are our hearts
prepared to receive his blessing, and reverently to
intercede "Lord ever more give us this bread"

We adjourn to the 4th hour this Afternoon
13th day Afternoon. Met pursuant to adjournment.
An interesting, and satisfactory report of the Committee
having charge of our Boarding School has been read and is
as follows viz -

The Boarding School Report: That the school
being vacated at the time of the last yearly Meeting,
according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make
those repairs and improvements upon the buildings and
premises which they believed the interests of the Institution
and the convenience and comfort of its inmates required.
Many alterations were made in the interior of the house,
highly promotive of this end. The several School rooms,
lodging, and dining rooms, have been improved and newly
furnished, together with many alterations in the Antee
building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas
very much to satisfaction. Among the improvements
upon the premises is the erection of a spacious and very
convenient and substantial stone barn, sufficient, we
believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution.
Some other out buildings have been erected and some
altered, and better adapted to their intended uses -

Soon after the building of the Stone barn, a fire occurred
on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascer-
tained, by which nearly all that was combustible of the
barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn house, and
one or two other small wooden buildings, two horses &
all the Hay and fodder was consumed. The rebuilding
of the stone barn, with enlarged dimensions, and other

necessary

necessary expenditures and loss accruing from the fire are estimated at about \$2500. —

The expenditures for all the repairs and improvements, including the loss resulting from the fire have been \$13,804,

The amount subscribed for these purposes at the time of the Yearly Meeting was \$3, 612, and since, there has been collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the School fund \$27,32, ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ making a total of — — — \$6, 344, ⁷⁵/₁₀₀

Leaving an indebtedness of — — — \$7, 460, 21

We think it right to mention, that two thousand of the sum subscribed since the Yearly Meeting, was received from our late dear friend George Howland, who not long before his decease requested his executors to pay this amount to the School. — We would propose that \$6,500 — The sum received for the sale of land authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should be appropriated towards the liquidation of this indebtedness. — This sum of \$6,500 having by conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorized, and also in 1849 after the sale was completed, been funded, and the income of it concluded to be annually appropriated for the betterment of the real estate of the Institution — we think it best, that the appropriation now made of the principal, should be considered in the light of a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be annually paid for the board and tuition fees received, and be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by which this loan may be repaid; by the liberality of friends, so that the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the permanent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated. —

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been received from the income of the School fund, during the past year, — — — \$6, 936, 40

From the Charity fund — — — — — 430, 00

From the Farm fund — — — — — 390, 00

From Scholars for board, tuition &c. one Term including
 a balance of \$286, 65 in Superintendants hands
 last year — — — — — \$ 4,915, 14
 and from other sources — — — — — 1,388, 44
 Making a total of — — — — — \$ 14,059, 98

The expenditures of the Institution exclusive
 of the amount stated above for repairs and
 improvements, and including \$489, 72 from
 Treasurer's accounts have been — — — — \$12,555, 76
 The balance now in treasurers and principals
 hands is — — — — — \$ 544, 01—
 At the time of our Report last year the debt of the
 Institution was about \$2,500. Should the Y. Meeting
 approve of appropriating the 6,500, as we proposed, it will
 be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then
 be \$1955, 99.

In view of the accommodation of the
 Institution it was believed that 80 scholars of each
 sex were as many as could be provided for and a
 circular to this effect was forwarded to the several
 Monthly Meetings.

At the time proposed, 1st of the 11^{mo} the
 school was reopened, and 150 scholars, viz: 77 males
 and 73 females have attended most of the time. A few
 from ill health or other causes have failed to come.

Our friends Charles A. Thurton and Firtude E.
 Whittier as principals, assisted by Edward J. Hoag,
 Wm L. Dean, Parmelia C. Varney, Lydia M. Neal,
 Elizabeth Prosser, and Charles H. Brownell as instruc-
 tor in Latin and Greek, have acceptably filled the
 places as teachers. Mary A. Thurton has also been use-
 fully engaged in the Institution. Our friends Levi
 Varney and his wife, acceptably occupied the stations
 of steward and matron during a part of the term;
 but owing to the delicate state of the latter, they were
 released at their own request and Hannah Allen
 fills the place of Matron. whether any additional

assistance will be required in the domestic department remains to be determined.

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the school, besides our own members, those, connected with our society or who are being brought up as Friends, as well as members of other Yearly Meetings, when the accommodations of the school will admit. We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Y. Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution when they are occupied by our members, to those and those only, who they believe, will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the requisitions of the School in all respects. As the cost of living and other expenses, are greater than they were at the time, the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge per Term should be \$36, for members of our Y. Meeting, \$50, when one or both parents are members of this Y. Meeting, or the children are brought up as friends, or are sent or are sent at the charge of members of this Y. Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Y. Meetings, and \$64 for others that may be admitted - that \$5 per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing - Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each Term - books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost. With these prices and a careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the school will be met.

We would propose that the summer Term should commence on fourth day before the first fifth day in the fifth month, and continue untill fourth day four weeks previous to the commencement of the winter term - that the winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day, in the eleventh month, and continue untill fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the summer term. We apprehend that a period of twenty

continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the
pupils, consistent with the health of the teachers, and
a few weeks vacation in the spring and autumn will
not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation
of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the en-
suing term.

As the number to be admitted is ~~to be~~ limited to 50 of
each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should
be seasonably informed of all in this of meeting that de-
sire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may
determine, how many others if any may be received.

Applications should therefore in all cases be made sea-
sonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held
on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month,
for those who desire to attend during the winter term, —
and on the third day before the first fifth day in the
third month, for those wishing to attend the summer
term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the priv-
ilege of the charitable fund are requested to send their
applications in season for the meeting of the Committee
in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire
it during the winter or succeeding summer term. all
communications respecting the admission of scholars
may be addressed to one of the principal teachers.

The following regulation was adopted by the
Committee in eleventh month last viz: "It is expected
that scholars will be at ^{the} school punctually at the commencement of
the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice
is to be forwarded to the principal teachers, within one week of that term,
stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them.
A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall
be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by
the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term
and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for
the term."

The earliest age at which children can be admitted into the
school as now established to the Yearly Meeting is eight years. We would
suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive

that benefit, from being placed in the Institution which more maturely
would probably give. He also heard several friends, that sending pupils
for a long time than one term can confer any little benefit upon the school
and is a great interruption to the classes. The desire that applications
for such admission may be discouraged.

Came after the closing of the School in the eleventh month, there
were several cases of serious indisposition; one of which viz; that of
young "V. Crocker, a member of Wampanoag & Kent's Meeting, a
lad of about 16 years of age, resided at Taunton, who was a little
more than two days. In reference to this School on the following
minute was entered upon our records, viz: "In the removal of this
dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stom-
ach, the Family and Scholars were, we think, brought deeper to feel
the uncertainty of life; and while we tenderly sympathize with his
dear friends and friends, we are led to believe that the solemn-
izing effect of this dispensation, may be blessed to those with whom
he was associated, and lead them more and more to seek for preserva-
tion from him with whom are the issues of life."

Near the close of the term the scarlet fever prevailed to some
extent among the scholars, producing much anxiety with parents
and great unsettlement in the School. Many of the scholars were
removed by their friends and the greater part of those that remain-
ed were desirous to leave, it became evident that little benefit
would be likely to result from an attempt to continue the School,
and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it
would have been in ordinary course.

The Committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion
at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting, for reli-
gious worship on first day mornings - and that the Family and Schol-
ars should continue to attend on first day afternoon and in the middle
of the week, the meetings of friends held in the city of Providence. At
such, as the meetings held in the Institution some of the Comm. it
has been present. They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we
think it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's
goodness, and that He continues graciously to bless the concern and
efforts to promote and secure in this School, the guarded, religious
education of our youth.

We commend the Institution with all its present

side as far as the increased attendance of Friends.

Report on Draft and Constitution of the School Committee,
Stephen H. Chase, Clerk.

Providence 5th. Mo. 31st. 1853.

The several propositions contained therein have received our deliberate attention and said report is approved and adopted by this meeting.

We appoint our Friends Phebe Chase, Sarah E. Tobey, Elizabeth Fox, Elizabeth Rice, Anna C. Bates, Sarah E. Thompson, Sarah E. Carter, Charlotte A. Brown, Julia Ann, Cynthia Tanson, Rachel H. Conner, Abby Jones, Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer, Lucy F. Hawkes, and Lavinia Poper to unite with a committee of men Friends to propose to a future sitting of this meeting the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

An interesting testimony concerning our late beloved Friend Anna Macomber, from Westport Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich 2d. Meeting, has been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement.

Our beloved Friend Cordelia Payer, having no prospect of attending another Yearly Meeting - the subject has claimed our consideration, and we appoint our Friends Miriam Newhall, Susan Howland, Elizabeth Meader and Phoebe R. Gifford to unite with a committee of men Friends in preparing a returning certificate and presents at a future sitting of this meeting.

We adjourn to the 10th hour to morrow morning.

4th day morning - met near the 10th hour -

The Clerks are requested to prepare extracts from the minutes of this meeting and present at a future sitting to be forwarded to our Subordinate meetings.

A proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to change the time of assembling that meeting when held at Worcester, from 11 o'clock to 1/2 past 10 o'clock A. M. has been read and approved.

We gratefully acknowledge that the present season has been marked by the Master of Assemblies, and much weighty and deeply instructive admonition has been imparted greatly to our strength and encouragement.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon -

4th day afternoon - met agreeable to adjournments.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings have been read, were very satisfactory and interesting to us, and we acknowledge

to be a privilege to be made acquainted with subjects that have claimed the attention of that body.

The Committee appointed last year to visit Subordinate meetings, Families or individuals, as they might occur, & report, presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to this meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, Families, or individuals, as they might open for, Report:

That they have given attention to their appointment. During the year all the Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and the Committee's minute of appointment has been read there in; and a feeling of satisfaction manifested with their company and services.

Several of our monthly meetings, and the families of friends composing some of ~~our~~ particular meetings have also been visited to the relief and peace of the minds of the Committee; and as they apprehend, to the encouragement of friends.

The Committee believe that usefulness would result from the continuance of a Committee, for further service.

On behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Beece,

Elizabeth Meader."

New York, Dec. 15. 1853."

and apprehending that usefulness will result from the appointment of a similar Committee Susan Howland, Abigail Greene, Ruth C. Baker, Elizabeth Meader, Anna L. Wain, Abigail M. Hanson, Elizabeth Gove, Mary B. Farnum, Mary Shree, Lydia R. Kelle, Phoebe M. Gifford, Patience D. Swan, Rachel W. Jones, Lucy S. Hawkes, Mary C. Reed, Elizabeth Gifford, Eunice M., Hannah Pike, Ann Jones, Lydia S. Goddard, Rhoda Howland, Mercy S. Wain, Ruth C. Bassett, Ann Maria Lano, Elizabeth Pike, Hannah G. Fawcett, Sarah L. Sampson, and Elizabeth A. Osborne are appointed to unite with a committee of our friends in visiting such meetings, families and individuals as may open for aid, & report to this meeting next year.

Under a solemn covering we adjourn to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon,
a meeting for worship being held in the morning—

2^d day afternoon— The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

The Committee having forwarded the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee were united in proposing the re-appointment of the Friends who served last year— viz— Eunice Metcalf, Sarah H. Tobey, Olivia W. Jones, William H. Broad, Rhoda Newland, Mercutio Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Lucia Lang, Wendell S. Peir, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phoebe H. Meades, Susan J. Cawker, Lydia Foster, Eliza B. Boyce, Winn B. Carter, Lydia A. Keller, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Newland, Mary E. Broad, Susan Newland, and Mary Williams— which being approved by this meeting, they were accordingly appointed for the ensuing year to unite with a similar Committee of men friends in superintending our Boarding School to report to this meeting next year—

Letters of Christies addressed to the Yearly Meetings of New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The Committee on the Subject of Education have presented the following report which is satisfactory to us viz.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education Report:

That by accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings, there are, within our limits, of children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, - - - - - 1,099
Between 16 and 21 years, - - - - - 471.
Monthly Meeting School, - - - - - 1
Preparative Meeting School, - - - - - 1
Family Schools, - - - - - 6
Friends children attending Friends Schools, - - - - - 184
" " " Mixed Schools, - - - - - 1,023.
First day Schools, kept the past year under the care of Friends - 27.
Average continuance of these Schools, 5 months,
Number of children attending the same, - - - - - 626
" " " who are members of our religious Society, 350.

There are also within the compass of the Yearly Meeting, several schools, taught by Friends, and under their control, which are attended by the children of Friends in considerable numbers.

but which are, principally composed of those not members of our Religious Society.

In the minute of our appointment this Committee we were encouraged to attend the Semi-annual examination at the Boarding School, but it is known to Friends, that, in consequence of sickness at the School, in the month last, no examination has been had since last year, and it is mainly owing to this circumstance that no meeting of our Committee was held during the recess of the Yearly Meeting. Our several meetings at this place however have been attended with interest by a considerable number of Friends, and we believe that a concern remains lively and unabated in the minds of many amongst us, to promote the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth.

While we fully believe that the amount of literary instruction received by the younger members of our Society at the present day, is considerably greater than that obtained in former years it has appeared to the Committee to be worthy of the serious consideration of Friends whether the elevation of our standard is not an object towards which greater exertion and more persevering effort should be directed. Some of the youth amongst us are entering upon the duties and responsibilities of life with a limited share of learning, while we are persuaded that their welfare as individuals, as well as that of our Society, would be promoted, were the benefits of a substantial literary education more generally bestowed upon them.

The concern of our early Friends that the children of the free should "freely partake of learning" evinced in some degree their estimate of the importance of the Subject, and the good account to which many of our worthy predecessors applied their literary attainments, and the benefits which, under the Divine blessing, resulted to them as a people, and to the cause of truth and freedom, afford to us cause of gratitude and thankfulness, and an example worthy of our imitation.

We cherish the hope that the Boarding School at Providence may continue to receive the fostering care and encouragement of Friends, and that their children may, as far as is practicable, enjoy these advantages for a guarded education which we believe it is concerted to afford. The adoption by the Yearly Meeting of the recommendation of the

School Committee that pupils should be allowed to attain a mature age these last years, before they can be admitted to this School, and it needs our cordial approbation, as fresh awakeners our solicitude for the proper training of our beloved children, while under the parental eye, during this early period.

Their tender minds are then susceptible of impressions, and are buckled for the reception of counsel and instruction which will go far to mould their future destiny. At this critical age a large proportion of our children are in the attendance of mixed schools. We have desired that Friends, under a weighty sense of the responsibility that rests upon them, in the right training of their beloved offspring, may endeavor assiduously to guard them against the injurious influences which improper associations at school during their tender years, are calculated to exert.

From accounts received at this time it appears that, upon the subject of First-day Schools, Friends are manifesting increased interest. Eight new schools have been established since our last report. We believe that the influence of the kind instruction imparted in these schools has been favorable, and that they have been productive of good to those who have attended them, either as pupils or as teachers. The difficulty of procuring a series of suitable books for the use of the members of these schools, adapted to the capacities of the children, and free from any thing of an objectionable nature, has, in many places tended to the discouragement of Friends engaged in this undertaking, and the Committee would respectfully suggest whether the consideration of this subject may not properly claim the attention of the Yearly Meeting.

In conclusion, we can scarcely forbear the expression of a desire, which has pervaded many of our minds, that all of us who, whether as parents or as teachers, are intrusted with the responsible duty of training the minds of our dear children, may seek to have our own hearts imbued with the love of our Heavenly Father, and may frequently apply to ourselves, as a test of qualification for this important service, the query addressed to Peter: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him: Yea Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him - And thou art my servant."

Witnessed on behalf of the Committee.

Witnessed, 5th Mo. 16th 1853.

Henry S. Wood, Clerk.

and to unite with men, friends in continuing the same committee who served last year with the addition of Mr. Wheeler to attend to the general service of promoting the educated education of our youth, and they are desired to report to this meeting next year.

Under a renewed sense of Heavenly regard we adjourn to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

Dth day morning - 6th Mo. 17th - The meeting again convened according to adjournment.

The Representatives all present who attended the last sitting.

An acceptable and instructive Epistle from our beloved Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin were now read and being approved the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to these meetings.

A returning certificate has been prepared on behalf of our Friend Cordelia Bayes as follows - viz -

"To Devonshire House Monthly Meeting - the Quarterly Meeting, in London and Middlesex, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London.

Dear Friends -

Our beloved ^{Friend} Cordelia Bayes has attended our Yearly Meeting at the present time, and presented her Certificates from your several Meetings, which have been read and accepted in our Meeting.

We receive this our dear Friend, thus recommended by you, to us, as a Sister beloved in the Lord, and are engaged to certify respecting her, that her labors of love in the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, have been sound and edifying as well as comforting to us. Her serious and consistent deportment has been satisfactory, advancing the doctrine she has delivered to us.

We feel much sympathy with her in her arduous labors and travel in her present engagement, and earnestly desire her continuance and preservation, and that when the services to which she has been called by her Divine Master on this side the water, shall have been accomplished she may be restored to her family and friends and to the bosom of the Church in her native land, in the enjoyment

of that peace which Christ giveth -

which being read was fully united with and signed by the Clerk
The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minutes
for our friend Fennina Burson, and similar minutes for
our friends Anna Thornburg, Mary H. Watkins, Sarah M.
Chiatt and Esther C. Weekes - viz. -

"Our beloved friend Fennina Burson attended this
meeting - Her company and religious services have been
acceptable to us." -

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf
the following minutes for our friend Hannah S. Murray and
similar minutes for our friends Mary T. Hadley, Harriet Steen,
Julia Bell, Rebecca Griffin Elizabeth C. Underhill and Mary
Jay - viz. -

"Our beloved friend Hannah S. Murray attended this
meeting - Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable
and satisfactory to us." -

The Committee on the removal of the Yearly Meeting presented
a report to the men's meeting which was read and the subject referred
to our next Yearly Meeting for further consideration - with which we
unite -

Extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been
read and approved and signed, and the clerk is directed to for-
ward them (together with transcripts of Epistles received) to our
respective Quarterly Meetings.

Having been favoured through the several sittings of this
Yearly Meeting to transact the important concerns that have
come before us in much harmony and Christian love - our hearts
are comforted under a sense of our unworthiness of His goodness
and mercy - that altho' in poverty and heaviness of spirit, many
of us came up to this our Annual solemnity we were with great
gladness acknowledged our minds are clothed on this solemn occasion
in good degree with the garment of praise, yea, living praises to
Him who is eternally worthy with the Son - His love to receive
all glory, dominion and power, forever and forever more -

We conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the
usual time next year - if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland. Clerk.

Extracts -

We assembling together at this time, our minds have been deeply impressed with a sense of our unworthiness, yet may gratefully acknowledge that we have mercy in a Saviour on whom hope is laid and that He is mighty and able to deliver to almost all those that put their trust in Him. Our Yearly Meeting has been large, and we humbly believe measurably united to the "Holy Head of the Church," and we have felt a desire that our dear absent Sisters might be partakers to some extent with us in the exercises and interesting concerns that have claimed our attention.

Our minds have been weightily impressed with a renewed sense of our short coming in sustaining our wholesome discipline in its ancient purity and simplicity consistent with our religious principles; and desires were expressed that the Christian bond which unites us together, might be strengthened by an increased concern for the maintenance of that love and unity that is so impressively enjoined upon us by the example and precepts of our Holy Redeemer. It was also dwelt upon instructively and to our encouragement, that if we love the Lord our God with our whole heart, we cannot be wanting in love one toward another.

The want of faithfulness in the attendance of our religious meetings, has introduced many minds into deep exercise from a sense that great loss is sustained thereby; and a belief has been expressed that many of the deficiencies apparent among us had their origin in the neglect of this important duty.

We have also been earnestly entreated not to let the spirit of division be known among us; but to be kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.

"Although the enemy hath arisen," Be whom shall Jacob arise, "he is small," there is comfort in the belief that as we are favored to know the God of Jacob to be our God and that there is none else, we shall be enabled to repair to Him the strong tower of the just. We and know Him to be our present Helper in every needful time - and when mercifully favored as at present season to know a little more fully of Him both immediately and instrumentally, how are our hearts prepared to receive His blessing and reverently to intercede

"Lord evermore give us this bread."

Our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes from England and many other dear friends from other Yearly Meetings have ministered with us in united and religious exercise; and much useful admonition has been imparted, calculated to awaken and encourage us to a steadfast perseverance in well doing.

Very solemn has been the appeal made to our beloved young friends, many of whom have evinced much interest and tenderness of spirit. They have been encouraged to look beyond this transitory state of being, and in retirement before the Lord, in the frequent, diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures, to renew their minds, prepared for the reception of the precious truths of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and be united with those in the meridian of life who we humbly believe have made covenant by sacrifice. The solid deportment of many of this latter class evinces that they have been partakers with their elder sisters in silent exercise for the promotion of the blessed cause which they have espoused; verifying the impressive language - "Thou also serve, who stand and wait."

We have received lively and acceptable Epistles from our beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings which have been comforting and edifying to us.

A very interesting Report of our Boarding School Committee has been read and approved, and friends have been feelingly encouraged to avail themselves of the privileges of this school, with its present improvements and advantages.

A testimony concerning our late beloved friend Anna Macomber has also been read, impressing our minds with a sense of the influence of her example, in silent reverent waiting; which was an evidence of deep indwelling of Spirit before God.

On beholding the vacant seats of many of our late beloved friends, Mothers in Israel, preachers of righteousness in the fear of the Lord, our minds have been solemnly impressed with a sense of the loss we have sustained, and earnest have been our desires that the Lord of the Harvest would be pleased to call up some of the dedicated little

ous to fill the places of those who have gone before and are now
inheriting the promised -

Having been favored through the several sittings of this
year, feeling to transact the important concerns that have
come before us in much harmony and christian love, our hearts
are comforted under a sense of our services through of His good-
ness and mercy; that although in poverty and weakness of spirit many
of us come up to this our annual solemnity, we may with gratitude
acknowledge our minds are clothed on this solemn occasion in a cer-
dence with the garment of praise - yes, living praises to Him who is
eternally worthy, with the Son of His love to receive all glory, domin-
ion and power forever and evermore.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland Clark.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is we trust under a fresh sense of the flowing
of Christian love, that we now salute you, and acknowledge
the receipt of your acceptable epistle, which has brought you
near to our spirits in the fellowship of the gospel, and we have
realized to our encouragement, that all who love the Lord, Jesus
in sincerity, do also love one another - that they are enabled by
the blessed influences of His Holy Spirit awaiting to breathe
for each others preservation, and to strengthen one another in the
journey towards Mount Zion. - How unspeakably precious
is the hope set before us in the gospel, - even that hope which is
an anchor to the soul both sure and steady. - How comfort-
ing and sustaining the assurance amid our varied conflicts, that
one who are engaged to follow the Lord who shed himself for us, is glad-
d to lead - who are concerned to hear his voice and obey it - who in hum-
ility and childlike dependence cast all their care upon Him, will
realize his never failing arm of power to be underneath for their sup-
port, will be enabled to go along through their pilgrimage here and
finally permitted to enter into their Master's rest.

Some of our Sisters in attendance here at this time, have been humbled and contrited before the Lord in view of his dealings with us, in that He has been pleased to remove so many from amongst us who have long been as Mothers in our Israel - their Seats are left vacant at the sweet influence of their Spirits. The remembrance of their devoted and dedicated lives; and of their careful walk with God survive the grave, and earnest have been the desires we true of many minds that we may be found faithfully following in the footsteps of those who were concerned as we reverently believe to follow Christ, and who have experienced the end of their faith; even the salvation of their Souls -

Our Feast Meeting at this time has been large, and our prospects of the future are cheered by the presence of many of our dear young Sisters, and earnest have been our desires for this very interesting class both with you and with us, that they may become willing to be taught of Him, to be led and guided by Him, and experience the refreshing dew of his holy love to descend upon their hearts, which will chasten, purify, and regulate all their thoughts words and actions, make plain the path of duty before them, and give strength and ability acceptable to walk therein.

The deeply affecting situation of those who are held in cruel bondage in our land, still claims our serious attention, and we believe there are, not a few amongst us, who do remember those that are in bonds, as bound with them and who desire to improve every right opening for the alleviation of their suffering - may we be enabled, unitedly to raise our hearts to Heaven for the release of these, and for the oppressed of every land.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bagg from your land, with many dear friends from neighboring Churches. Feelings whose labors of love amongst us have been to our strength and edification -

With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters.
Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting.

Marian W. W. Clark.

1. Union Church - Winter of 1861.

Dear Sister

Epistolary correspondence has been a true reality maintained on a basis of deep interest one for another, and there is in some degree to become one another's helpers in the Lord, rejoicing that Christian love which is the badge of true discipleship and we hope to be your companions in coming to that fountain of which we are so thirst in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, then shall we be able to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to the words that may proceed from His mouth, and being instructed with wisdom, join in His; to labour that our houses may be set in that "University" that the understanding of the Master may be experienced, teaching in that domain all ungodlings; we may live soberly, righteously and godly in the present world, looking forward to that blessed hope, that we may have an inheritance in the land of promise where all conflicts will cease, and the followers of the Lamb will have the victory.

Our early history has been large, and much later has been bestowed to bring the youthful mind to an early sacrifice of heart to God. We said - "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven" what encouragement for all to come into this childlike state, and look with abiding confidence to our Heavenly Father for all things, having the assurance that we shall be fed with food which is best for us.

We have been pleasantly reminded at this time of the removal by death of a number of dear friends who have stood as mothers in our midst, which has awakened a desire that others may be raised and qualified by the leading of the Church to fill the places of them that shall know them no more.

We have received your very acceptable epistle at this time and acknowledge with you that we have been enabled to transact the weighty concerns of Society that have come before us in much harmony.

We have had the company of our dear friend Cordelia Bayes from Great Britain, with several other beloved friends from other nearby Meetings, her labors of love have been as a brook by the way.

We continue to feel much sympathy for the oppressed & degraded condition of the descendants of the African people, & hope that we shall embrace every opportunity to alleviate their condition.

With the salutation of love we remain your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland Clark

To New-York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends -

Dear Sisters,

We trust it is in a measure of that love which emanates from the Father of mercies, that we are again engaged to address you, and acknowledging your acceptable epistle of 5th mo. last, fervently to desire your growth and advancement in the ever blessed Truth, which remains to be the same, "yesterday, to day and forever - And as we are willing to submit to the operation of its cleansing power, and are humbly engaged in simplicity and sincerity to seek to do the will of our Heavenly Father, we shall experience the promise verified - "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him and he with me." But beloved friends, He will not dwell in a divided heart; we must yield all to his disposal, be willing, "to trust in Him with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding; In all our ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths." And as we endeavor to follow Him in the way of his requiring, and in true dedication and devotedness to be led and guided by Him, we shall assuredly know, "that He is good; a Strong hold in the day of trouble and He knoweth them that trust in Him."

Our Yearly Meeting is happily attended, and we trust the power of Divine Goodness has been mercifully realized among us to the humbling and contriting our spirits before Him.

We sensibly feel the loss of several dear aged friends who have long stood as Mothers in Israel, and who have been removed from works to rewards - May the remembrance of their many Christian virtues and the meekness and humility by which they were adorned, afresh incite us to endeavor to "follow them as they followed Christ."

In reviewing the state of Society we have been affectionately exhorted to endeavor to live in the exercise of that charity which "suffereth long and is kind", and which would lead to the preservation of love and good will among us. - And the importance of attending our religious meetings has been brought to our view, inducing us to believe that if we look to that Power which is above every other power, we shall be enabled to perform this reasonable service, even under feelings of much weakness and through many discouragements.

Our dear young friends have been encouraged to enter

into covenant with a covenant keeping God, who is abundantly able and willing to rescue them from the paths of the destroyer; to guide their feet in the way of peace, and in the end will receive them into his everlasting Kingdom.

The sympathy & solicitude expressed in your Epistle, for the oppressed Africans meets with a ready response in our hearts, and we desire that our united aspirations may arise to the Father of all good, that by his might, and by his power, He would be pleased to work for their deliverance.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes from England; and many dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings whose labors & lives have been animating and encouraging to us.

In conclusion, we bid you affectionately, Farewell, commending you to God and the Lord of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting.
Susan Howland, Clerk.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Your lively and acceptable Epistle of tenth month last, has been received and read, as also those from other Yearly Meetings, which have been to our comfort and encouragement, and a renewed desire has arisen that for those and other favors bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father, our gratitude to Him, may be proportioned to his mercies towards us which are indeed new every morning, and we feel at the present time that we have fresh cause to renew our acknowledgements to Him whose goodness & hath been experienced to rest upon us in our large and solemn assembly, both in meetings for divine worship, and in those for the transacting of order and the maintenance of our disciplines, wherein the weighty concerns brought before us, have been transacted in love and Christian condescension; affording, as we trust, an evidence that we are in good measure concerned to abide under the guidance of truth, to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom to know is eternal life.

in our hearts, and in the minds of the dear friends
who were concerned in early life to renounce their love to the
world; they served the Lord in uprightness and fear in their genera-
tion, and in the close of life were permitted to feel an humble trust
that through the mediation of our Redeemer, they should become
heirs of an everlasting Kingdom: and we have craved that their
example may be an encouragement to us all, of every class, to devote
their hearts to the service of the same Lord, and to persevere in a course
of unremitting obedience to the Divine will. —

We have had at this time the acceptable company of our beloved
friend Cordelia Dages, from Great Britain, with that of a number
of dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings — The gospel labors
and sympathy of these our sisters has been a favor which we desire
much to appreciate, and render the tribute of thankfulness to Him who
is the alone director of his Gospel ministers, and who only can cause a blessing
to rest upon their labors of love —

With a salutation of love we bid you Farewell —

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Susan Howland Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear and well beloved Sisters,

The sending you the acceptable Epistle of
month month last, as well as at other times when brought to our remem-
brance, many hearts were drawn tenderly to salute you, in the hope
of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ — in which hope may we stand
fast; looking beyond the things which are seen, to those, not seen,
eternal in the "Heavens" — Knowing this; that no new thing has
happened unto Israel — May none be dismayed at the signs
of the times; but in the day of adversity consider — May we ever
acknowledge our allegiance to him who is Head over all things in
his Church, by patience in baptisms, by faith in provings in the
deep, and by constancy in temptations — that so the enemy of all
righteousness may not be permitted to lay waste the Heritage, to
scatter in Jacob, or divide in Israel. —

It has pleased the Father of Mercies, from time to time, to
lay his chastening hand upon his people, that he may bring them

near unto himself; causing his righteous judgments to be taken more
blatant in their hearts which is not of his own right hand, planting; that
the pure seed of the Kingdom may be exalted; and we, by abiding in
him, the true and living vine, be enabled to bring forth fruits, to the
praise of his great and excellent name.

This, our Annual Assembly, is large, - and the several
sittings thereof, through the wonderful condescension of the Ancient
of days, have been solemn and interesting seasons to many present;
at the same time, we are sensible that the portion of some has been
to sit like Mordecai, at the King's gate, clothed in sackcloth.
These, we believe are of the number whom the King delights to honor.

By the answers to the Queries, it appears that most Friends
are concerned to maintain faithfully our several important
testimonies; although in nearly all the answers, deficiencies are
apparent. A deep and lively concern has been felt, under which
tender counsel, and glowing exhortation has been handed forth, in
gospel love, to the strengthening of the hands of those labours, who
have felt that the neglecting the attendance of our meetings
for Divine Worship, was opening the door for deviations from
many other of our precious Christian testimonies.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved
friend Cordelia Davis from England, with many other dear Friends
from neighbouring Yearly Meetings. Their presence has received much
praise the declaration, that, "as iron sharpeneth iron so doth the
countenance of a man his friend."

A number of our young Friends are in attendance, who have
evinced, by their solid deportment a lively interest in the concerns
of this Yearly Meeting, and they have been affectionately entreated
to have the Lord for their portion; and the God of Jacob, for the
lot of their inheritance.

In the language of the Apostle - "Finally Sisters, fare well.
Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and
the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland Clerk.

St. Paulina Trust Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Your Epistle of 16th Month last read at this time has been
very grateful to us and we are engaged to address you with feelings of
sympathy and regard.

May those among you who live the Lord Jesus
Christ, yet often feel weak and deprived of sensible comfort possess their
souls in patience, till He may be pleased to lift up the light of His countenance
upon them. Our blessed Redeemer, who for our sakes became "a man of
sorrows and acquainted with grief," is able to succour those who are tempt-
ed, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. He is very near unto
the children of men to do them good, to baptize them with His Spirit
and to unite them in a living covenant with Himself forever.

The language of the Apostle has been feelingly revived amongst
us, "For we reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not to be
compared with the glory which shall be revealed" - and we desire for
you with ourselves to experience more of that Faith which gives the
victory and sustains under all the conflicts of our day. How
animating are the words of our Holy Redeemer, "Let not your hearts
be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me." In my Father's house
are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you: I go to
prepare a place for you." Cannot many of us acknowledge from experi-
ence, the benefits derived from the daily reading of the Holy Scrip-
tures in our families, attended by a season of silent waiting before
the Lord, when He has condescended to answer the secret prayer
"Give us this day our daily bread," and refresh our spirits together.

We trust there are many among you beloved Sisters, as well as
among us, who can testify to the consolation and strength received
in seasons of religious retirement - it is good to listen to that "Still
small voice," which often gently calls from the cares and perplexities
of outward occupations.

In this day of religious inquiry, when light and knowledge
are spreading among the nations, may we be truly devoted in heart unto
God, that being enlarged in Christian love, we may in humility keep
our several allotments.

Beloved Sisters, if there be any among you, under the quick-
ening influences of the Holy Spirit, who are made sensible that they
are yet unconverted and utterly unable of themselves to keep the law of

the Lord, let them listen to this gracious declaration." God loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life" - Have not those who have been brought through the power of Divine grace, from all trust in themselves, thanksgiving to know that which is set forth by the Apostle, when we were justified by faith they have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our beloved friend Cordelia Hayes, also several war friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, are in attendance with us, whose company and gospel labors have been encouraging to many minds, and tender a feeling of gratitude, for affectionate and good farewells.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland Clerk.

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

In addressing you at this time we feel to crave that our minds may be baptized into an humble waiting before Him who we devoutly trust is mercifully pleased to preside over the Church, qualifying His feeble instruments to speak a word in season by which the pure mind is stirred up to a closer walk with God, and renewedly strengthened to "hold on their way", amid discouragements that often arise in the path of the Christian traveler; and may you with us, dearer Sisters, know our faith and confidence increasingly centered in the Lord, and in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who alone is able to lead to that fountain of living water in which we are cleansed and renewedly strengthened to walk as in righteousness, digging deep and laying our foundation on the immutable Rock of Ages, against which the winds of instability have no power.

It has been a season in which some of our minds have been humbled and contrited from a renewed sense of our manifold weaknesses, accompanied with a fervent desire, that, as we are engaged to maintain the watch in thought, word and deed, we may be further renewed and strengthened in seasons of prayer and devotion to adopt the language of the Prophet, "I stand continually, when the watch tower in the day time, and am set in my ward

whole nights," having the precious assurance that they that love,
and receive the name of Christ, shall be accepted of him.
may be thus encouraged to lift up hearts in humble hopes that,
as our day is, so shall our strength be.

We regret to say that we have not received any Commu-
-nication from you at this time.

We have had the company of our beloved friend
Cordelia Hayes from Great Britain, with a number of other dear
friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and
gospel labors have been strengthening and encouraging to the
truth and peace of mind, renewed confirming our belief,
"The Lord is our God forever and ever, and will be our guide, even
unto death."

Our Yearly Meeting has been large, and through al-
-mighty goodness we have been favored to transact the weighty con-
-cious which have come before us in much concord and
harmony.

We feel to renew the expression of continued sympathy
with you, on behalf of the oppressed African races who yet re-
-main in bondage, greatly desiring the day may be near at
hand when their bonds will be loosened and they permitted
to enjoy the blessing of freedom.

Committing you with ourselves
to the guidance of our Heavenly Father, we conclude, and re-
-main your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the
Meeting - Susan Howland Clarke.

346 The England Church Meeting & Women Friends held at
Rough adjournments from the 12th of 6th Month to the 10th of the
same inclusive 1854-

2. day, morning - met agreeable to the adjournment of last year, and
after a season of solemnity proceeded to business.

By the accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings
it appears that the following friends have been appointed Representa-
tives to this Meeting: viz -

From Rhode Island - Mary Williams, Elizabeth Meader, Mary
H. Smith, Ann D. Wing, Deborah Rowland, Elizabeth Packham,
Phoebe Anthony and Mary Shove.

From Salem - Miriam Newhall, Mary E. Breed, Elizabeth Payer,
 Eunice B. Bovee, Rachel B. Holder, Lydia S. Preece & Lydia Pope.

From Sandwich - Susan Rowland, Phoebe B. Gifford, Phoebe W.
 Kelly, Soulah W. Rogers, Barbara Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony,
 Sarah W. Easton, Anna E. Almy, and Mary S. Wing.

From Salmouth - Eunice F. Rich, Lydia H. Jones, Eunice Fay,
 Patience B. Winslow, Jane C. Minott, and Anna E. Carney.

From Smithfield - Mary B. Hammon, Lucie F. Collins, Sarah S. Carl,
 Ruth Fry, Milla Aldrich, Ruth Earle, Roanna W. Grover and
 Lydia R. Kelly -

From Passaboro' - Deborah B. Warren, Hannah T. Jenkins, Ann L.
 Robinson, Ann Jones, Pease Jones, and Lydia P. Green.

From Dover - Hannah Norrell, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah G.
 Sawyer, Ruth Sawyer and Abigail C. Beeder -

From Fairfield - Marcia P. Hawkes, Lidia Taylor, Sarah T. Hamp-
 son, Eunice W. Farr, Cynthia F. Jones, and Lucie F. Hawkes.

whose names being called are all present except three.

We are informed by the accounts received at this time
that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode
Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Kott to the
station of an Elder - that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united
with Salmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth
 Meader, Anna E. Almy, and George Almy, and that Salmouth Quarterly
 Meeting has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment
 of Stephen Warner, Charity Crossman, and Mary Carney to the
station of Elders -

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved

Nathan C. Hoag, and his wife Abigail C. Hoag (companion to his husband) from White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana, John C. C. from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Joel Batley of Harrisburg Monthly Meeting, Vermont, - Lewis Haviland from Oblong Monthly Meeting, New York, and Naomi Coffin from White Water Monthly Meeting - Indiana - Certificates on behalf of our friends expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements have been read to our satisfaction -

We have also the acceptable company of our friends Elijah Coffin who accompanies his wife Naomi Coffin; Reuben L. Tibbitts, companion to our friend John C. Eddy, and Richard W. Osborne companion to our friend Lewis Haviland, who presented D. L. S. factory minutes from their respective meetings -

A number of other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings are in attendance of this meeting whose company is truly acceptable to us -

We have received Epistles from our beloved sisters of the Yearly Meetings of Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Indiana and North Carolina the reading of which has renewed and strengthened the Christian bond of love, that will ever distinguish the humble followers and disciples of our blessed Lord and Master, and may it be to our encouragement in the right maintenance of our epistolary intercourse.

Communication has also been received from our dear sisters of Ohio Yearly Meeting, the reading of which has introduced our minds into much Christian sympathy in their trials, and desires have been raised in our hearts that the Great Head of the Church may manifest himself among them, as the "Healer of breaches, and the strength of the tower in the land."

We appoint our friends Susan Howland, Mary B. Farnum, Rhoda Howland, Sarah S. Tobey, Mercy H. Wing, Peace Jones, Anna C. Dennis, Abigail W. Cansons, Lydia P. New, Elizabeth C. Wing, Rachel W. Howland, Phebe C. Coffin, Olivia C. Oliver, Elizabeth C. Wing, Miriam Newhall, Eunice J. Rich, Jane C. Minott, Anna D. Wing, Hannah S. Taber, Elizabeth Meader, Eunice Day, Hannah Gould Jr. and Lucy S. Collins, to prepare as way opens for it Essays of reply to the Epistles from the different Yearly Meetings and present them to a future Session.

We appoint our friends Hannah Morrell, Elizabeth H.

Shorne, Mary C. Smith, Eunice Holway, Mary C. East and Eunice
C. Sawyer, to prepare a Summary to be read in connection with the history
to the Society and present to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this
sitting and confer together on the subject of Clerks and report this afternoon.

The trust it is in the abasement of self that we have been favored
to perceive the exaltation of the power of the ever blessed truth - and
the precious baptizing influence of which we have mingled together
in religious exercise at this time in the fellowship of the body of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ -

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet this afternoon.
2. day Afternoon - Met near the 4th hour.

Our friend Elizabeth Meades on behalf of the Represen-
tatives, informed that they had conferred together on the subject of
clerks, and were united in proposing Susan Garland, for Clerk, and
Eira B. Rice for Assistant-Clerk, which being approved by this
Meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year -

A sweet and interesting testimony from Rhode Island - North
Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late
beloved friend Elizabeth Wing has been read, accompanied with a
renewed sense of her humble dedication to her Master's service from
early life to declining years, evincing that circumspect watchful
perseverance in the pathway of holiness that becomes the followers of
the Lamb. The example and silent influence of her demeanor
is felt to have been to many, loud preaching. May it prove an in-
citements to follow her in that humility and simplicity in which she
endeavored to follow Christ.

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were now read -

Mary Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony and Sarah C. Tobey are
appointed to prepare endorsements on the certificates of Friends new
in attendance from other Yearly Meetings.

Under an humbling, contritings sense, of the solemnizing cover-
ing of the wing of the Ancient of days, we would gratefully acknowledge
the unmerited love and mercy extended to us this day.

We adjourn to the 10th hour to-morrow morning -
3. day Morning - The meeting assembled near the 10th hour.

The Report of the Committee on the change of place for holding this
Meeting, has been read and accepted, and the Committee released from

...the new appointed the following Friends being
...the North Meetings, to unite with a similar com-
-mittee of men friends in taking the subject into careful consideration
and report at a future sitting of this Meeting viz - Hannah Gould,
Mary Williams, Deborah Howland, Julia Maria Freeborn, Mary Shaw,
Phoebe Chase, Elizabeth Peckham, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Hea-
-der, Anna J. Dennis, Mary C. Breed, Miriam Newhall, Mary
Cox, Lydia C. Reed, Hannah Page, Elizabeth Page, Mary H. Wing,
Dorothy C. Fisher, Sarah Hoxie, Fanchiah W. Rogers, Sarah H. Easton,
Rachel S. Howland, Anna C. Almy, Phoebe K. Gifford, Barbara
Gifford, Alice Lawton, Lydia Congdon, Sarah H. Anthony, Lydia
C. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Eunice J. Rich, Patience B. Winslow,
Constance C. May, Anna C. Barnes, Emma C. Robinson, Thankful Hawk-
-ley, Lydia J. Cox, Elizabeth H. Estlin, Ann H. Allen, Ruth Earle,
Ruth Cox, Lucia M. Collins, Lydia P. Gray, Anna Cates, Mary C. Jones,
Pearl Jones, Lydia W. Bates, Deborah J. Warren, Hannah G. Sampson,
Hiram W. Howland, Cynthia Duffless, Mary Jane Cussey, Hiram
C. Beede, Abigail Gould, Lydia Taylor, Marcie P. Hawkes, Cynthia
H. Jones, Sarah T. Sampson, Lucy J. Hawkes and Eunice Ford. -

The Minutes and Minutes have been read, with a sum-
-mary prepared by a Committee appointed for that purpose. Many
minds have been introduced into deep exercise on account of the
deficiencies manifested from the reading thereof, and living desires
have been raised in our hearts for the faithful maintenance of all
our Christian testimonies. Friends have been tenderly encouraged to
increased diligence in the attendance of all our religious meetings
and we have been im-^{pro-}visedly reminded that but little ad-
-vancement can be made in a religious life if we are found in
the neglect of this reasonable service. -

The Clerks are requested to prepare Extracts from the Min-
-utes of this Meeting and present to a future sitting - to be forwarded to
our subordinate meetings. -

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

3rd Session. The meeting again assembled according to adjournment.

An interesting and instructive testimony from Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting has been read at this time concerning our late beloved
friend Hannah Dennis, whose memory we believe is blessed, and her
life of faithful dedication in the service of her Divine Master holds

with a living example to those to whom he was often, in much tender sympathy led to impart counsel and encouragement. In remembrance of the united exercises of these our beloved deceased friends, whose memorials have been read in this our annual solemnity, our minds are impressed with a renewed sense of the importance of following them in the path of regeneration that through the washing thereof we may be thus purified and prepared for an inheritance among them that are sanctified. From their labors of love, their steadfast perseverance in well doing, their faithful support of our Christian testimony it may be said of them, "the dead shall yet speak."—

The London printed Epistle of last year has been read at this time, and the instructive and weighty counsel imparted to us through this medium has afresh impressed our minds with a sense that the Lord has been pleased to open his treasury and dispense to us things both new and old. May we number it among our blessings thus to be ministered unto, and profit thereby to our eternal gain.

We would thankfully acknowledge the unmerited favor mercifully vouchsafed in the favor of life unto life at this time, whereby the cementing influence of the Love of God has been measurably the crown of this solemn occasion.

We adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

1st day morning—The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The instructive testimony of Cassadboro' Monthly Meeting concerning our aged Elder Stephen Nichols has been read at this time.

The example of his faithfulness in the attendance of our religious meetings through a long life of steadfast perseverance in the "rule," was impressive. Early in his religious experience he was constrained to attend a meeting where he found only three aged friends. His fervent husband of 60 years was that two eminently blessed testimonies to the closing of life. Thus we are assured that the dear Master condescends to be in the midst, wherever the two or three are gathered together in his name.

An interesting Report of our Boarding School Committee has been read which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the propositions thereof approved. It is as follows, viz:—

To the Board of Trustees:

We have the honor to acknowledge the report, that you have given, then to the Trustees of this appointment, during the past year, and according to ability afforded, have endeavored to direct the affairs of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of Friends in its establishment.

There were admitted for the Summer Term 114, and for the Winter Term 192 scholars - 12 of the latter to supply the place of those who failed to come. Of those admitted, 106 in the Summer and 158 in the Winter Terms, attended the School.

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent a scholar from coming to the school after applying for and obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who are included in the number which the school can accommodate, fail to come, and their places remain vacant to the exclusion of others who are desirous of filling them - Embarrassment has resulted from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite important that Friends in making their applications for admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind.

We have had the acceptable services during the year of Charles Altherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals, assisted during the Summer Term by Edward G. Hoag, William H. Varney, Lydia M. Ball, and Pamela C. Varney, and as Teachers of Latin and Greek, by Charles W. Parkhurst; - Gertrude E. Whittier also taught the French Language - and during the Winter Term by William H. Varney, Charles W. Smith, Emma B. Cresser, Anna McNeil and Pamela C. Varney; and as Teachers of Latin and Greek by William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louise Parrot - Elizabeth Prosser has been Teacher of drawing and painting through both terms.

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been thorough, and the government of the school firm and at the same time kind and lenient. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both scholars and teachers.

orderly department has generally been observed among the scholars, and
disposition cheerfully to submit to the rules of the school has been shown
with very few exceptions.

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming departments
of the institution under the care of a Steward and Stewardess, has been
continued in operation during the year. So far as circumstances would
permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted in a
satisfactory and economically as well as an orderly manner.

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm
and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a friend to pre-
sent the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to
plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of
the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees, as
expected, have been planted the present Spring.

The extensive and thorough repairs which were put upon the
buildings in 1852, have added very much to the convenience, health-
fulness and usefulness of the School. It has been found necessary
however to make some considerable alterations and improvements
in the apparatus for cooking, in which at the time of the general
repair alluded to, no alteration was made.

A full supply of pure water in the institution is of great
importance, and the attention of the Committee has been given
to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped
may secure this end.

Prayers in worship have been continued in the school on First Day
mornings. These meetings have been frequently attended by members of
the Committee. The largest number of the scholars on these occasions
has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of
much solemnity. On First Day afternoons, and in the middle of
the week, the families attend meeting in Providence. Harmony has,
during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family.

Leave has been granted to the Committee by the Trustees of
Charles Brown's Benevolent Fund, to take copies of the minutes
made by the School Committee, respecting our late beloved friends,
Messrs. Brown, William Henry, and Charles Brown, with a view
to their being printed.

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health,
but one member has been removed by death. Our esteemed friend,

Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of Pneumonia, in the second month last. She bore her sickness with much Christian fortitude, looking in trust to that source from whence comfort and support come. Our friend had acceptably filled the station of Mother, and at the time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse.

The accounts of the institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received:

From the income of the School Fund, ——— \$ 0, 711. 40

From the Charitable Fund, — — — — — 401. 00

From the Farm Fund, — — — — — 390. 00

From School, for board, tuition, Stationery &c.

including \$ 76. 25, from sales of some small articles,

11. 316. 00

\$ 17, 876. 40

Expenditures of the institution have been:

By the Treasurer, for fire insurance, 165. 00

Interest on \$ 500; borrowed from the Farm Fund,

\$ 390. 00, and on other indebtedness of the

institution, \$ 205. 70, — — — — — 595. 70

Payments by the Principal for the support of

the institution, including salaries, wages, supplies

for the family, repairs and improvements, &c. — 18. 718. 79

\$ 19, 479. 49.

At the time of our last report the indebtedness

of the institution was, — — — — — \$ 1, 955. 99.

By the above statement of the accounts it

appears that the income has fallen short of

the expenditures, the sum of — — — — — 1, 603. 09.

increasing the indebtedness to the sum of \$ 3, 559. 08.

Beside the indebtedness of \$ 500 to the Farm Fund.

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the institution.

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition. And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per Term should be \$ 40 for members of our Yearly Meeting — \$ 60 when one or both

parents are members of this Church. Children are admitted as follows:—and
great pains are taken to raise up a new generation of true Christians,
and a large number of our Society of true Christians are admitted as
members that make up the whole. And so far from additional, these
continue to be made for instruction in the ancient languages,
in French or in Drawing—

Payment to be made half at the commencement and half at the
mid term of each term—books and stationery being furnished at last year's
actual cost.

We add hereto the following extracts from our report of last year, for
the information of Friends, viz:—As the number to be admitted is
limited to 36 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should
be seasonably informed of all, in this Yearly Meeting, that desire to
occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how
many there, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore
in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the
Committee, held on "Friday" before the first "Fifth day" in the Ninth
month, for those who desire to attend during the "Winter Term"—and
on "Friday" before the "Fifth" Fifth day in the Third month, for those
desiring to attend the Summer Term. Monthly meetings desirous
of enjoying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to
send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee
in the Ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during
the Winter or succeeding Summer Term. All communications
respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of
the Principal Teachers.

It is expected that scholars will be at the School punctually at the
commencement of the Term, but if circumstances occur to prevent
attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principal Teachers,
within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are
to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School or
to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishing
of the privilege, unless waived by the Committee,
and in those cases of children being admitted for the term and
leaving the School, it is expected payment will be made for
the term.

In conclusion, we believe there is cause for encour-
agement, as Friends still to avail themselves of the means

improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to
enter our own influence to promote its interests.

Second in regard and to direct the School Committee.

Whose M. Chase, Clerk.

Providence, 24th Month, 36th 1834.

We appoint our friends Mary C. Breed, Ruth Fry, Hannah Gould,
Hannah S. Baber, Lydia P. Fry, Lydia Taylor, Lucinda Pinkham, Elizabeth
Page, Anna J. Dennis, Mercy E. Wing, Sarah Glade, Deborah B.
Warren, Mary J. Page, Marcia P. Hawkes, and Anna D. Wing to
unite with a similar committee from the mens meeting, to bring
forward to a future sitting the names of friends to constitute a
School Committee.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

4th day afternoon—Assembled near the hour adjourned to.

Then friends having furnished us with the minutes of
the Meeting for Sufferings, portions thereof have been read at this
time. They were weighty and instructive and calculated to impress
our minds with a sense of the watchful, superintending care of the Great
Head of the Church. And the exercises of our beloved brethren have been
evidently for the promotion of the reign and government of the Prince of
peace in our beloved Society. A valuable and instructive document
on the subject of War, has impressed our minds with the horrors thereof,
and we greatly desire that we may know our minds clothed with the
spirit of the Gospel that breathes, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on
earth and good will to men."

We adjourn to 5 o'clock to morrow afternoon—a public
meeting being held in the morning—

5th day afternoon—The meeting convened pursuant to
adjournment—

The Committee to visit subordinate meetings, families
and individuals presented the following Report—viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit subordinate meetings, families and
individuals, Report:

That they have during the year endeavored to give such atten-
tion to their appointment as way has opened for.

All our Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and most of the other
subordinate meetings, and many of the families of friends, and

me individually—

In these visits the Committee have met with a cordial reception, and there is ground for believing, that their labors have been to the encouragement of Friends; and in view of the Yearly Meeting, that the Committee be now released from further service—

On behalf of the Committee.

John Osborne.

Uguit H. Hanson.

Wesport, 6th month, 13th. 1854.

Notice is solicited to this Meeting, and the Committee is released from further service under their appointments.

An acceptable letter from London Yearly Meeting of Friends has been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting proposed the names of the following Friends to constitute a School Committee viz. Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy W. King, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Sarah B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodore S. Burr, Hannah C. Sumner, Thos C. Knicker, Lucie F. Hatches, Lydia Foster, Maria B. Boyce, Ann D. Carlo, Minna S. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Harb C. Breed, Susan Howland, Maria Williams, and Elizabeth Meader—

Which being approved they are accordingly appointed to act in conjunction with a similar Committee of the mens meeting in the superintendence of the Boarding School, to report to this Meeting next year—

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ohio, New-York, Indiana, and North Carolina, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The Committee on Education, made the following report, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.:

The Committee on the Subject of Education, reports, That accounts have been received from all the Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 4 and 16 years— 1414.

Between the ages of 16 and 21 " — 485.

Monthly Meeting School	1
Preparative Meeting School. —	1
Family Schools, —	9.
Ministers' children attending Friends Schools, exclusively as such,	219.
Do. attending mixed Schools,	1,191.
First day Schools under the care of Friends	30.
Duration continuance of these schools, 5 months, Number of children attending the same,	487.

A number of Schools wholly under the tuition and the control of Friends are attended by the children of our Societies in considerable numbers, who are doubtless receiving in a good degree the benefit of a guarded literary education, but as these Schools are principally composed of those who are not in membership with us, the number of Friends' children placed there has been enumerated in the report with those who are in the attendance of Mixed Schools.

While the above account exhibits but slight addition to the number of our youth heretofore reported, who are obtaining an education in select schools, we have still reason to believe that the interest felt by Friends upon this very important subject is slowly but certainly increasing. The facilities now offered by the Boarding School, at Providence, are we trust in a good degree appreciated by Friends, and we cherish the hope that they will continue to embrace, to their full extent, the advantages for the guarded education of their children which we believe it is calculated to afford. Three additional Family Schools have also been established since last year, and we are desirous of encouraging Friends to embrace such opportunities as may be presented, of opening schools for young children in individual families, or by uniting the children of several families — which may be favorably located for the purpose — into one school — and thus secure to their beloved offspring the means of acquiring the elements of a literary education, free from the injurious influences which associations in mixed schools, would at this tender age, be likely to exert.

It also appears from the accounts received at this time, that the interest manifested by Friends upon the subject of First Day schools, continues unabated, and an additional number of

children are reported as having attended these schools during the last year.

We would respectfully urge upon rightly concerned friends, the importance of their attendance at these schools as regularly as circumstances will permit, thereby manifesting to the children their interest in the cause they are endeavoring to promote, and at the same time, exhibiting a concern that the schools may be properly conducted, to the honor of Truth.

The Society's text books for the use of these schools, prepared by a Committee of this Yearling for sufferings, to whom that subject was referred last year, will we hope, become general in our schools, so far as they may be useful to facilitate Scriptural instruction, and their adoption is recommended by this Committee.

We have at this time been afresh impressed with the importance of our children and young Friends being more fully and faithfully instructed in the Scriptural foundation of the doctrines and distinguishing views and practices of Friends. Have we not reason to fear that a considerable proportion of our children are spending an important and most impressible period of their lives without obtaining a due knowledge of our Christian principles and thus qualifying themselves to give with meekness, reason for the faith that is in them. Timothy of old was commended in that from a child, he had known the Holy Scriptures in which he had been instructed by a pious mother, whose unfeigned faith is also the subject of commendation by the same Apostle. Might not the occasions which we trust that Friends frequently embrace for family reading and Scriptural instruction, be fit opportunities for showing to our children the entire accordance of their testimonies with the doctrines of the New Testament.

Although but little may appear to have been accomplished by us in the advancement of the cause of Education, yet we believe that it may be useful again to entrust this concern to a Committee.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee.

Henry S. Wood, Clerk.

Newport, 6th Mo., 15th. 1854.

which is satisfactory and encouraging to us - and the Committee are continued under appointment with the exception of Mary

A long service rendered and Martha S. Hawkes, removed from
within the limits of Salem Meeting. Hannah Luce
and her son have been appointed to supply the vacancies
occasional singing. We would encourage Friends faithfully
to give their attention to this deeply interesting subject, and in
an especial manner to the Scriptural instruction of their chil-
dren; that they may come to a right understanding of the truths
of the Gospel.

We adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

6th day morning, the 16th. The meeting again assembled according
to adjournment. —

The Representatives being called, they were all
present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were
mentioned.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London and Balti-
more have been read and approved. —

The Committee to prepare returning minutes for our dear
Friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings, presented
them at this time and they have been read, approved & signed.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of a change of place
for holding this meeting, made the following report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take the whole subject of the removal
of this Yearly Meeting, with the facts presented by former committees
into consideration report, that they have taken the subject into seri-
ous, solid and deliberate consideration, and after a free expression
of feeling and sentiment in regard to this highly important question,
characterised by Christian harmony and brotherly condescension,
they were generally united in proposing, and the proposition was
acquiesced in by all, that this Yearly Meeting be removed to Lynn
and that its first sitting there be held in the year 1857. —

On behalf and in direction of the Committee,

William C. Taber, Clerk.

New York, 6mo: 15, 1854.

Which being read was united with by some and submitted
to others.

Extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been
read & approved and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf

thus meeting and forward them to sub ordinate meetings.

Our Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, and forward the reports to the different Yearly Meetings.

Our Annual Meeting has been a season of solemnity. Through the different sittings of it we have been favored to transact the important concerns that have come before us with united and sisterly condescension;—under a contrite and sincere sense of our sins and a affectionate bid in another farewell in the Lord; proposing to meet again at this place next year, if the Lord permit—

Witnessed on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Scotland Clerk.

Summary Answer.

Ques. 1st— All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been kept up, except a few small meetings omitted, mostly on account of inclement weather and difficulty of travelling, and generally attended to meet of our members; yet there is a remissness with some in this important duty, in which account some labor has been bestowed. The rules must be observed—mostly preserved, from sleeping & other unbecoming behavior clear, except in one instance.

2^d Love and unity are in good measure maintained amongst us. Division is carefully guarded against & when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

3^d We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; to discourage them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation and endeavor to be examples herein themselves, yet defects are apparent in supporting our testimonies in these respects. We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friend's families.

4th Careful in the several particulars of this query, except a few instances of attending places of public amusement where some care has been taken.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their

necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning - One child placed out from among friends -

6th Most parents and heads of families, with many of the young and unmarried are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline - yet there have been several instances of keeping company and marrying out of the order of our Society whom care has been taken.

7th Clear in the several requisitions of this query except one instance of attending meetings where there is a hissing ministry, which is under notice -

8th We believe Friends are generally careful in these respects -

9th Some deficiency in recording, also with regard to certificates.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and wisdom though not always without some delay -

We think judgment is placed according to our discipline.

Extracts.

The assembling of this our Annual Meeting has been, we reverently believe, a season of renewed manifestation of our Heavenly Father's love. He has in unmerited mercy through His dear Son our Holy Redeemer, helped our infirmities, when in the weakness of the flesh our hearts were ready to fail us; and in this blessed evidence of His love, in mercy extended, we have experienced Him to be our strength and our Redeemer; and have had to commemorate His loving kindness and tender mercy to have in an humbling manner crowned our solemn feast -

Our beloved absent Sisters have been precious brought near, we trust in that love which is of the Father, and flows sweetly to every member of the Church of Christ; and He has mercifully given us to feel that "love is the fulfilling of the law," and in that love that emanates from him we have been favored both present and absent, to rejoice together in the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May it be to our mutual encouragement to be found walking more worthy the vocation wherewith we are called, and unite in a living exercise individually and collectively, for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom in the earth; that we may as a people be made instrumental in bringing in that glorious day, when "righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters do the seas."

The deficiencies that are recorded year after year in the answers to the queries, have led to close exercise and call for searching of heart, that we may be enabled to see, in the light of the ever blessed Truth, the things that would so abundantly make for peace, both present and everlasting, and be concerned that our wholesome discipline may be maintained in that integrity and uprightness of heart that would adorn the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour and settle and establish us upon the immutable foundation, the Rock of Ages.

We have been affectionately admonished of the necessity of endeavoring to train up our beloved children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." That as they become willing to dedicate their hearts to His service and to walk in His fear, they may know that "godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

The London printed epistle of last year has been read at this time; the instructive and weighty counsel, that has been imparted through this medium, has afresh impressed our minds with a sense that the Lord has been pleased to open His treasury and dispense to us things both new and old, calculated to increase our faith in the all sustaining power of Israel's God.

Very lively and instructive memorials have also been read of our late beloved friends Elizabeth King and Hannah Dennis. They have been strengthening and encouraging to us. The remembrance of their labors of love, and faithful support of our Christian discipline - their early dedication to the Master's service - their steadfast perseverance in the path of self denial - their humble yet dignified demeanor evincing the purity and simplicity of the Christian character in that "meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price," reminds us that though dead they yet speak. An interesting and instructive testimony of Wassaboro' Monthly Meeting concerning our aged elder Stephen Nichols has also been read at this time. The example of his faithfulness in the attendance of our religious meetings, through a long life of steadfast perseverance in the Truth was impressive. Early in his religious experience, he was constrained to attend a meeting where he found only three aged friends. This proved a season of divine favor that was eminently blessed to him even to the close of life. Thus are we assured that the dear Master condescends to verify His promise, "where two or

there are gathered together in my name, there are 8 in the midst of them." May the vacant places of these worthies in Israel impress us with the solemn truth, that life is passing rapidly away - that the time will shortly come when we too must bid adieu to all things pertaining to this world, and enter upon the realities of the life to come. And Oh, may it be the concern of us all, above every other consideration, to secure an interest in Christ.

To the dear young Sisters our minds are drawn with peculiar feelings, and earnest are our desires that looking not unto man, but unto God, they may experience the sweet influences of His Spirit to descend upon their heads qualifying and strengthening them to come up in the service of His Church.

Portions of the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings have been read at this time. They were weighty and instructive and calculated to impress our minds with a sense of the watchful Superintending care of the great Head of the Church.

The exercises of our beloved Brethren have evidently been for the promotion of the reign and government of the Prince of Peace in our beloved Society. A valuable document on the subject of war, has impressed us with the horror thereof; and we greatly desire that our minds may be clothed with the spirit of the gospel, that breathes "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men". Our feelings have been solemnized in being reminded from these minutes of the decease of our late honored friend and brother "William Foster of England, whose devotion to his Master's cause was sealed by being made willing to suffer as well as to do His blessed will. He laid down his head in peace with men and in that peace with God that passeth all understanding. Thus passed, from the labors of a life of simple dedication to the cause of Christ, a beloved Elder in the Church, and we doubt not through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, the crown immortal laid up for all those who love His appearing, is given unto him.

This meeting has been introduced into much concern that our testimony against Slavery may be faithfully maintained and held up to view. And fervent have been our desires, that under an humbling sense of our accountability to our Heavenly Father, we may often examine ourselves in order to see what is required at our hands.

that we may aid in hastening the coming of that day, when liberty shall be proclaimed, and the oppressed go free. Abstinence from participation in the products of unrequited toil has claimed our attention, and we have been affectionately encouraged to faithful ness in this particular. We have been favored with the company of several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and labors of love have been impressive and salutary at this time.

This our annual meeting has been a season of solemnity. Through the different sittings of it we have been favored to transact the important concerns that have come before us in unity and sisterly condescension;—under a controlling sense whereof we conclude and affectionately bid one another farewell in the Lord, proposing to meet again at this place next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Susan Howland Clerk.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women's Friends.

Beloved Sisters,—

It is we humbly trust in a measure of the fresh flowing of copious love that we are drawn to salute you at this time, and to acknowledge your acceptable epistle—having some degree of renewed evidence that the Lord is sufficient for His own blessed purposes,—that He will accomplish His work by instruments of His own choosing—and that as the hearts of His truly dependant children are brought into quiet waiting to know the mind of the Spirit, the still small voice will be heard and the power of the Lord will be felt to qualify for service and to direct and sustain in every season of perplexity and trial—That we have renewed our cause reverently to say; "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift"—And while we are bowed under a sense of our own unworthiness we are brought to the acknowledgement—The Lord is the strength of my life and my portion forever—

It is only as living branches of the true vine Christ Jesus that any can bring forth fruit to His praise—It is only by baptism into the likeness of His sufferings and death that any can become partakers of His resurrection and life—And it is only as we are made willing to these purifying dispensations to yield our will to the Divine will, and in humility to say—"Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth," that we

can be qualified to put forth a hand for the promotion of the cause of truth and righteousness. We believe there are both among you and us, those who sincerely desire the advancement of Christ's kingdom upon earth, and the coming of that blessed day when the principles of the Gospel shall have sway in the hearts of men. But this is the Lord's work, and if any of His unworthy children are favored to be partakers herein, it must be by obedience to Him who ruleth in the armies of Heaven.

It is not in our own willing and planning that we shall accomplish the good which we ardently desire, but by keeping our ranks in righteousness and individually seeking unto Him for His Divine guidance and help.

A living exercise has been felt on account of the younger members of our religious society - and as interesting memorials of departed worthies have been read; we have been ready to ask: where is the successor? who is coming up to fill these vacant places? There are many young persons among us whose infancy and childhood have been watched over with the most tender solicitude - whose opportunities of receiving a guarded education have been carefully promoted; and who do not yet manifest that full surrender to the cross of Christ which we ardently desire to behold. To these we would say - Dear young friends, remember your responsibility to God for the right employment and improvement of the talents committed to you. He are not your own; ye are bought with a price - even the precious blood of Him who died that we might live; and who is able to give you, in the day of account - a glorious crown, incorruptible and which fadeth not away, in exchange for those vain and transitory delights which He is calling upon you for His sake to resign. Yet while we feel this deep travail of spirit, we are encouraged in the belief, that many of this interesting class are under the preparing hand of Him who is able to raise up judges as at the first, and counsellors as at the beginning - and we greatly desire the encouragement of tender seeking minds.

The great evils attendant on war and slavery have been brought before us at this time; and suddenly has covered our minds in viewing the existing state of affairs both in our country and on the continent of Europe. These vast armies arrayed against each other, and the souls of thousands of our fellow beings, brought to stand before the judgment seat of Christ, suddenly, from the field of bloody strife, amid the display of the unslaked passions of revenge and bloodshed. And in this

and the extension of Slave territory and increased efforts to fasten the chains of the Slave even more firmly. These are indeed Cause of mourning, and call for increased diligence in the maintenance and extension of our well known Christian testimonies on these Subjects.

Mothers have been affectionately encouraged to train their little children carefully in the principles of the gospel of Him whose advent was proclaimed by angels with the announcement of "Glory to God in the highest on earth peace and good will to men."

Having been privileged to hear at this time the minutes of our meeting for sufferings, our feelings have been greatly touched in the account there given of the decease of a beloved and honored brother from your land while on a mission of love to us. We deeply sympathize with you in the loss you have sustained, but reverently believe that this sacrifice has not been made in vain, but that in years that are yet to come the result of those labors of love will be apparent.

Our yearly Meeting has been well attended, and we have had the acceptable company of several friends from other parts of this country.

With the salutation of love we conclude, and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland Clerk.

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends—

Beloved Sisters,

Being again permitted to meet together in our annual solemnity, and to experience we humbly trust the overshadowing of ancient goodness to cover our spirits, we desire gratefully to acknowledge a renewed evidence at this time witnessed that the intercourse with our dear absent friends has been to us a refreshing spring of encouragement and comfort. This was renewedly experienced in the reading of your lively and sisterly communication of 5th Mo. last. It was especially interesting to be informed that there was amongst your beloved young friends a prospect of a succession of standard bearers: may these be enabled to hold on their way, by being within the limits of manifested duty, and the restrictions of the Truth. In this state of vigilance and care, preservation, peace and safety will accompany your steps; and your minds being circumscribed within the bounds of righteousness and truth, will be vigorously exercised in the fulfillment of your respective duties,

and carried up into the Church of Christ, gathering the relics of those, who having faithfully served the Lord, been examples to the flock, and saints in the world, have been called to a better, even an heavenly inheritance and are enjoying the rest prepared for the righteous.

We have on this occasion feelingly realized our loss in the removal from works to rewards of several with whom we have long mingled in our annual gatherings, but may we not be discouraged, but rather incited to quicken the reins of our minds, and by endeavoring to follow them even as they followed Christ, become their successors in faith and patience, and therefore may trust finally to receive the rich reward promised to all those who walk in the narrow way which leadeth to life.

Our Yearly Meeting has not been so largely attended as that of the last year. Several Friends from other Yearly Meetings have been acceptable with us, and we have been strengthened by their presence and labors of love.

We feel a continued sympathy and concern for the oppressed of every clime, and desire that our hearts may be inclined to do them good in every way consistent with the principles of Truth.

Finally dear Sisters, let us all remember the declaration of the Apostle - "The Foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal the Lord knoweth them that are His" - Let us strive to become such by obedience to His holy law -

In a measure, we trust of Gospel love we salute you, and bid you affectionately Farewell -

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland Clerk -

New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is under a sense of our own insufficiency to do any good thing, of ourselves, that we attempt to address you at this time, and to acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle which with those from other Yearly Meetings has been refreshing to our spirits and a renewed evidence of our Heavenly Father's love.

We have come up to this our Annual Assembly under many discouragements - The removal by death of some of our number, who were bound to the law and the testimony of Jesus Christ, our Lord, has introduced our minds into deep feelings of humility, and we believe the language

of many hearts has been, "Behold him shall I see arise, for he is dead!"

We feel with you that many baptisms of the Holy Spirit are indeed needful for our purification, and earnest are our petitions both for you and us that we may so submit ourselves to these, as that we may come forth thoroughly cleansed and fitted for our allotted stations, and prepared to fill the places of those who have borne the burden in the heat of the day and who now are permitted, to rest from our labors.

We have had the acceptable company of several friends from other nearby Meetings, whose company and words of encouragement have been strengthening to us. Much living exercise has been felt at this time in view of the existing state of affairs both in our own country, and on the Continent of Europe, where the ravages of war are desolating nations and here the extension of slave territory and increased efforts to fasten the chains of Slavery even more firmly, are indeed cause for mourning; and call for increased diligence in the maintenance and extension of our well known testimonies on these subjects.

Abstinence from participation in the production of unrequited toil has claimed the attention of some of our minds, and we have been affectionately encouraged to faithfulness in this particular.

"With a salutation of love we remain your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland Clarke.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We have received at this time your acceptable communication of 9th month last, and our hearts have been introduced into deep feeling and tender sympathy with you in your many and varied trials, and we feel our minds drawn in sisterly affection, to offer you a word of encouragement. We are permitted through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to make our supplications unto God, for ourselves and for one another. We are mercifully permitted to bring all our cares and all our sorrows unto Him, the hearer and the answerer of true prayer, and our fervent desire is, for you dear Sisters, that your faith fail not, but that you may continue to look with a steady eye unto the Rock that is higher

than we, for strength and ability to do, or to suffer in the blessed cause of Christ.

We have had our close trials produced by the same spirit that has disturbed you, but the Lord has been pleased in His unmerited mercy to sustain us under them, for which we desire to bless His holy name. "But is said, 'He, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it'." Trust then in Him, for, "as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever."

In assembling together at this season, our spirits have been introduced into deep feeling, and many hearts have been solemnized by the removal from works to rewards of so many dear ones who have been as Mothers in our Israel. Oh dead, we desire to cherish their many virtues and to keep their memory green and may their vacant places impress us with the solemn truth that life is passing rapidly away—that the time will shortly come when we too must bid adieu to all things pertaining to this world and enter upon the realities of the life to come—and oh may it be the concern of us all, above every other consideration to secure an interest in Christ. To the dear young Sisters our minds are drawn with peculiar feeling and with earnest desire, that looking not unto man, but unto God they may experience the sweet influences of His Spirit to descend upon their hearts qualifying and strengthening them to come up in the service of His Church.

During the several sittings of this meeting we have been mercifully favored with the overshadowing of heavenly love, under which precious covering we have been enabled to transact the various concerns that have come before us in much harmony.

We have had the acceptable company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel labors have been comforting and edifying to us.

And, now dear Sisters in a fresh feeling of gospel love, we salute you, and bid you affectionately. Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland Clerk.

To Indiana's Yearly Meeting of Women Friends -

Dear Sisters,

We humbly trust it is in the fellowship of the blessed truth that our minds are engaged to address you, beloved sisters, and may we through the influence of that Spirit which breathes the language of, "peace on earth and good will to men," be enabled to reach the witness of truth implanted in the secret of our hearts, and through a merciful goodness be reminded of the testimony of the inspired Apostle, "whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father for Him," that we be mutually edified by this our epistolary correspondence knowing the bond of unity strengthened in the fellowship of the gospel of truth, that the standard of the militant Church be raised, reflecting honor and praise to Him who is head over all. —

We feel grateful to acknowledge that the sittings of this our Annual Assembly have been mercifully owned by the great Head of the Church, overshadowing our minds as with the wing of His ancient goodness, and contriving our spirits with a renewed desire that our love may be increasingly strengthened in Him "who doeth all things well" — tho' He maketh the clouds His chariot, and walketh on the wings of the wind, He graciously condescends to manifest himself to all who look to him in humble confidence, in whom are all our fresh springs — And while some of our minds have been sorrowfully affected in the removal by death of a number of dear friends who have been as pillars in the Church, yet we are comforted in the belief that the Lord of the Harvest will, "commit their mantles to rest on others" he may be pleased to anoint with his holy anointing, that there may be a succession of hand and hearts zealously concerned for the maintenance of the law and the testimonies.

Many of our beloved youth are in attendance at this time, some of whose hearts we humbly trust has been touched as with a live coal from off the Divine Altar, inspiring them with an increased desire to promote the cause of truth and righteousness, which will yield the precious fruits of the Spirit.

The state of Society and the deficiencies recorded in the minutes has elicited much exercise in the minds of many friends, that a more general concern might prevail among our members in the diligent attendance of our religious meetings, believing it will greatly promote a growth in the truth and establishment in our principles. —

The cruelties arising from the bondage of our African Brethren has been feelingly adverted to, with desires that we should embrace every right opening to ameliorate their unhappy condition and more generally avail ourselves of the produce of Free Labour.

We have present with us several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

In the love and Fellowship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
we affectionately bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland Clark.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

In being permitted to come together at this time in a Yearly Meeting capacity, we have been forcibly reminded of the words of our blessed Savior, "Without me ye can do nothing" yet we have reverently to acknowledge that He hath been in our midst, not only in our silent waiting, but in hearing the Epistles read from our dear Sisters of other Yearly Meetings, and in transacting the weighty affairs that pertain to this part of His Church. The oneness of feeling that has prevailed at this time, has been felt to be precious. Surely the Lord is good, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

May faithfulness mark each step we take; and may the dear youth with you and us be afresh incited to enter into covenant with their God, be willing to confess Him their Savior before men, that He may also confess them before His Father and the Holy Angels.

Our hearts have been comforted at this time in beholding many in the middle and younger walks of life, whose countenances evince that they have been with Jesus; may these, with you and with us be strengthened, and by an entire dedication of heart be qualified to fill the places of those who have been removed by death.

The State of Society as presented by the answers to the Queries has introduced many minds into a lively concern that the deficiencies which still exist among us may be removed and our Zion arise and shine in her ancient beauty.

Many subjects of interest have claimed our attention on the present occasion. Moreover and was with their iniquities and sinners consequent upon these great evils have called forth expressions of sorrow and commiseration from exercised minds, and all have been encouraged to a faithful maintenance of our testimony in these respects, looking unto the Lord for direction and guidance in every important movement.

We have had the company of several beloved friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings whose gospel labors have been truly acceptable and edifying to us.

With the salutation of love we are your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland Clark. -

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In attempting to reply to your acceptable Epistle of last year, we sensibly realize our inability of ourselves to perform any good work, and that it is only as we look to Him for strength, who still condescends to be with his people, that we are enabled to become one another's helpers in the Lord, or that we can perform any service that will be acceptable in His divine sight.

And dear Sisters may we all be renewedly concerned to humble ourselves before Him, and wait for the inshining of His divine light in our hearts, and although we may experience many and deep provings He has declared, "If any man serve me, let him follow me, and where I am, there shall also my servant be".

The concerns which have claimed our attention at this time have been conducted in much harmony and love, and we trust the presence of the great Head of the Church has at seasons been felt among us, to the humbling and contriting of our spirits before Him, and we greatly desire that both with us and you there may be an individual engagement, to strive to become faithful standard bearers in the Church, and thereby be enabled to unite in simplicity and godly fear in maintaining the precious testimonies for which our worthy predecessors in the Truth so dearly suffered.

In reviewing the state of Society a lively exercise has been felt in account of deficiencies among us, particularly in the attendance of our religious meetings.

We have been exhorted to persevere in the performance of this reasonable service, even under feelings of much weakness and discouragement, and although we may be few in number, as our minds are rightly engaged to wait upon Him, we shall realize the truth of the declaration of our Blessed Lord, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them".

We have been affectionately admonished of the necessity of endeavoring to train up our beloved children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. That as they are willing to dedicate their hearts to His service, and to walk in His fear, they may know that Godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. -

We sensibly feel the loss of some from among us who have been removed from works to their eternal reward, and our minds have been solemnly impressed with the injunction of our Blessed Lord. "Be ye also ready." The remembrance of their devotedness to the cause they so dearly loved, and the blessedness and sweetness of their close, has afresh incited us to endeavor to follow them as they followed Christ.

We feelingly sympathize with you in regard to your situation in the midst of oppression, and earnestly desire we may be found, "Watching unto prayer", ready to act, when in the ordering of best wisdom, way may open to ameliorate the condition of the slave, or to hasten the approach of that day when the oppressed shall go free.

Several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings have been with us at time, whose company and gospel labors have been acceptable and encouraging to us.

With the salutation of love we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,
Susan Howland Clerk.

At New-England Society Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments, from the 11.th of 6th. month to the 14.th of the same, inclusive, 1855—

2. day, morning. Not accessible to the adjournment of last year, and after a season of recent visiting proceeded to business—

By the accounts received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island—Elizabeth Peckham, Eunice Mott, Elizabeth Meador, Mary Williams, Sarah H. Fitch, Mary Fitch, Phoebe C. Rundell, Mary A. Smith, Ruth D. Howard, Fanny Peck.

From Salem—Rachel B. Holder, Elizabeth Page, Ruth J. Chellis, Elizabeth Love, Miriam Marshall, Mary J. Page & Eliza B. Jones.

From Sandwich—Lydia Congdon, Susan G. Hempton, Phoebe R. Fisk, Sarah McCoston, Ruth C. Baker, Mary Shepherd and Alice Lawton—

From Salmouth—Jane C. Minott, Eunice Gae, Jane Pope, Anna G. Carney and Lydia B. Hawkes.

From Smithfield—Phoebe S. Marsh, Elizabeth C. Osborne, Mary B. Garrison, Ann M. Colton, Mary C. Randall, Abigail S. Hodges and Eleanor Buffum—

From Wassaboro—Ann Jones, Ann Almira Lang, Eunice Vanblarcom, Almira S. Hanson, and Lavinia Jones—

From Dover—Abigail M. Hansen, Phoebe H. Fry, Ruth Sawyer, Hannah G. Sawyer, and Sara Long—

From Fairfield—Olive King, Sarah G. Sampson, Lydia Shepherd, Lucy F. Hawkes, and Cynthia F. Jones;

whose names being called, they were present except four, for the absence of two of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned—

By the Reports received at this time from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eunice Estes to the Station of an Elder—that Salmouth has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Day, with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Joshua Pangloss, and with

Livingston Monthly Meeting in appointing Naomi S. Fisher and Anna Milliken to the Station of Elders;—that Fairfield has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Sanford to the Station of an Elder; and in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Winslow—

Lively and acceptable Epistles from our beloved Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of Dublin, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, New York and Baltimore, replete with excellent counsel, have been read at this time; a fresh confirming us in the belief that this our Epistolary Correspondence is a link in the Christian bond that has been strengthened by the trials that have been permitted to assuage the militant Church—

We appoint our friends Miss Keene, Rachel S. Howland, Rhoda Howland, Ruth W. Baker, Lucy J. Hawkes, Abigail M. Carson, Sarah W. Tobey, Rebecca C. Triseman, Elizabeth Meade, Cecelia M. Tucker, Mary B. Barnum, Sarah M. Anthony, Phoebe B. Gifford, Phoebe S. Marsh, Miriam Newhall, Susan Howland, Hannah G. Sawyer, Huldah M. Beede, Hannah S. Gould Jr. Hannah T. Taber, Anna G. Hood, Anna T. Dennis, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Eunice Day, Sarah J. Sampson and Gertrude E. W. Garland to address (as way may open for it) Essays of Epistles to our beloved Sisters of other Yearly Meetings & present at a future sitting—

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Hillis of Westbury Mo. Meeting— Nathaniel Sands of Cornwall Mo. Meeting (N York) David Hunt of Cochran Mo. Meeting— Ohio, Isaac Fay of Missisquoi Mo. Meeting— Indiana— Phoebe Bishop from Norwich Mo. Meeting, Canada— and Mary Ann Fisher of Scipio Mo. Meeting— N York— whose religious services have been satisfactory to us. Certificates from their respective meetings were read expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagement.

We have also in attendance of this meeting our beloved friends William D. Barker and Sarah T. Barker companions to our friend Phoebe Bishop, Luther Thomas, companion to our friend Isaac Fay— Sarah Ann Hunt, companion to her husband David Hunt, and Eli Haines of Redstone Mo. Meeting— who presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings— The company of these

dear friends with others from neighboring Yearly Meetings has been very acceptable to us.

We appoint our friends, Lydia Cragdon, Peter B. Wood, Mary A. Smith, Sarah F. Libby, Mary C. Breed and Anna S. Dennis to prepare a summary from the Minutes and present at a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and confer together on the subject of clerks and report this afternoon.

Under a sense of Divine regard mercifully extended to us, we desire to the benevolent friends may meet this afternoon.

2^d day afternoon. Assembled near the 4th hour.

Our friend Mary B. Barnum on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they have consulted together and were united in proposing Susan Hinckland for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were now read. An interesting and impressive Memorial from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Anthony, has been read, imparting deep instruction and encouragement, in a view of the efficacy and power of a living faith in the atoning sacrifice of redeeming love and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord; impressing our minds with a renewed sense of the excellency of the power of the ever blessed truth, when yielded to in the morning of life, and which enabled this, our dear friend, through a long series of years, and under long and varied afflictions, to act the part of a valiant in the Lamb's warfare, and to become a living witness of the sufficiency of Divine grace for the salvation of the immortal soul.

An interesting Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read at this time, and we appoint our friends Eliza B. Boyce, Sarah F. Libby, Sarah C. Anthony, Hannah G. Sawyer, Sarah C. Sampson, Lucas Tucker, Anna S. Dennis, Mary A. Smith, Lucy J. Green, Miss Wain, Ann E. Cotton, Elizabeth Meador, Susan F. Hawkes, Jane C. Hinckley, Mary Shaw, Miss Almira King, Rebecca W. Cannon, Sarah Blake, Sarah M. Carter, Maria Hoag, Mary B. Barnum, Hannah B. Sawyer, Avis Keene and Eunice Metcalf to unite with similar committee of men friends in considering the important resolutions therein contained and report at a future sitting.

The Report is as follows, viz -

"to the Yearly Meeting."

The Committee charged with the Superintendence of the
Boarding School at Providence, Report

That the School has been continued in operation during the
two terms of the last year. For the Summer term there were admitted
one hundred and eighteen, and for the Winter term, one hundred
and sixty three scholars, nearly all of whom attended the school -

Our Friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier have
continued to render their acceptable services, as principals, assisted
during the Summer term by William H. Varney, Charles H. Smiley,
Timothy B. Hussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKee, and
Pamela C. Varney; and during the Winter term, by Timothy B.
Hussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKee and Pamela C. Varney,
as teacher of Latin by George H. Marston, and of French by Adele
Parot - Elizabeth Prosser has been engaged as teacher of Needle
work and Drawing for both terms.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the
School, and members have been deputed at these meetings, for the
more immediate care of the Schools and Family during each
month. By these means, we believe a pretty thorough knowledge
of the affairs of the Institution and the state of the Schools has
been obtained by the Committee, and these have been generally
satisfactory.

Harmony has been maintained in the Family, and order
department observed with little exception.

The progress of the scholars in their various studies has also
been generally what could be desired. Meetings for worship on "first
day" mornings have been held in the School-house as heretofore.

Notwithstanding the extensive repairs and improvements which
have, within a few years, been made upon the house and school premises,
it has been found necessary during the year past, to make some
further expenditure for these objects. During the last summer a long
continued and severe drouth occasioned a short supply of pure
water, for which, to a considerable extent, the collection of rain water
was depended on. A sufficient supply of this article being deemed
indispensable, the Committee did not hesitate to carry out a plan,
long contemplated, of bringing in iron pipes, raised by a free pump,

the water of the spring situated on the easterly part of the school lands, to the school house. By this means the school was sufficiently supplied. Other expenditures, which may be classed under the head of improvements, have also been, necessarily provided for, amounting, with the water-works above mentioned, to about forty five hundred dollars.

We believe that the state of the house and premises is now such, that little expenditure, other than for the ordinary expenses of the school will be required for some time to come.

The accounts of the Institution have been audited & settled. The receipts have been—

From the income of the School Fund	\$6. 897. 74
From the Charitable Fund, — — — — —	431. 25
From a friend at Prince Edwards Island — — — — —	50. 00
From Scholars, for Board, Tuition, Stationery &c. &c. — — — — —	362. 30
Total receipts — — — — —	\$ 19. 741. 29.

The expenditures have been—

By the Treasurer, for Fire Insurance, — — — — —	\$ 105. 00
Tax of 1853 — — — — —	200 97
Payment for Board and Tuition of Scholars at the School from the Charitable Fund, — — — — —	440 00
Interest on \$6. 500, borrowed from the Farm Fund, and on other indebtedness of the Institution — — — — —	707. 95
Expense of copies of papers. — — — — —	1 50
Payments by the Principal for the Support of the Institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, farm expenses, repairs and improvements, — — — — —	\$ 22, 943 75
	\$ 24. 459 17

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the Institution exclusive of the sum borrowed from the Farm Fund was \$3. 559 08.

This indebtedness has been increased as will be seen by the preceding statement, during the last year, the sum of — — — \$4. 717 88.

Making the present debt. — — — — — \$ 8. 276 96.

The sum of four thousand four hundred and eighty nine dollars, and seven cents, of the expenditures and consequent increase of indebtedness, above mentioned, has arisen from the disbursements for repairs and improvements, a large part of which were made

the previous year, but appear in the above accounts. Beside which will be found in the account of expenditures the sum of two hundred dollars, namely seven cents for the Tax assessed upon the School premises, in 1853 and of seven hundred and seven dollars, namely five cents for interest on the indebtedness of the Institution, including that paid to the Farm Fund. The latter charge will of course cease, when means shall be found to discharge this indebtedness. The subject of Taxes, presents a question of much interest to the future financial prospects of the School, and is one to which the close attention of the Committee has been directed. — What the result may be, is not yet decided.

It appears probable from the above statement of the accounts, that exclusive of interest, taxes and improvements on the premises the present prices of Board and Tuition would sustain the School.

In their report to the Yearly Meeting, in 1853, the School Committee proposed the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale of lands, north of Olney-street, authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847 to the payment of the indebtedness incurred the preceding year, for the extensive repairs and improvements then made, the same to be considered in the light of a loan to the School Funds, the interest of which should be annually expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. — This proposition was adopted by the Yearly Meeting, since that time, as well as previously, large expenditures have been made, for the objects to which the income of the above fund was concluded to be appropriated, much exceeding, together, the amount of the principal of the fund. We think it right therefore and accordingly propose that the appropriation of this fund shall no longer be considered as an item of indebtedness against the School Funds; but that the principal having been expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate, the indebtedness of the School Funds therefor shall be discharged.

At our Meeting, held 2^d month, 27th, in view of the circumstances of the School, the following minute was adopted; viz.:

The present condition of the Institution, in its social relations and especially its pecuniary situation, coming under consideration at this time, it is the sense of this Committee, after very carefully and seriously weighing the matter, to propose to the Meeting for Sufferings to vacate the School, from the close of the present term, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, with a view to the further continu-

the same, if the Yearly Meeting approve; and the Clerk is requested to furnish the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings with a copy of this minute."

At our Meeting held 4th. month, 3^d. we received from the Meeting for Sufferings the following minute, viz.:

"At a special meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence, 3^d. mo. 9th 1855, the following communication was at this time received from the Boarding School Committee, (referring to our minute above recited,) and after a time of deliberation thereon, in which this Meeting has endeavored to give the subject that solid consideration which its importance demands, it is concluded to accede to the proposition from the School Committee, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Committee with a copy of this minute."

"Extracted from the Minutes, Samuel Boyce, Clerk."

In accordance with these conclusions the School is now vacated, and we have agreed with Charles W. Earle, and his wife, Cynthia W. Earle, to give their services as steward and matron, to reside in the house, and have the care and keeping, and the general supervision of the lands, buildings and property belonging to the Institution of every description; and we have authorized the said Charles W. Earle to hold the custody of the premises and property.

Resolved, which was submitted to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting,

signed in behalf and by direction of the Committee,

Stephen C. Chase, Clerk.

New York, 10th. mo. 1st 1855."

We would gratefully commemorate the unmerited love and mercy of our Father in Heaven extended to us, and encouraged steadfastly to persevere in the way cast up before us.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

3^d. day morning. The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

Under a solemn covering the Queries and ^{the} Answers received from subordinate meetings were read to the seventh inclusive, and the State of Society feelingly entered upon, eliciting much Christian counsel and admonition; impressing the minds of both elder and younger with a renewed sense of individual responsibility in sustaining our Christian discipline to the honor of Truth.

With desires that we may be favored to gather again under the same feeling exercise, we adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

3^d day afternoon - Assembled near the 4th hour. -

The remaining Queries and Answers have been read with the Summary prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose which is satisfactory to this meeting.

We appoint our friends Mary M. Smith, Ann C. Lang & Lydia C. Smith to prepare essays of returning minutes for our friends in attendance of this meeting with certificates from other Yearly Meetings and present them at a future sitting.

The Committee appointed yesterday to unite with men Friends to consider the subjects contained in the Report of the Boarding School Committee, are also requested to bring forward the names of Friends to constitute a school committee for the ensuing year.

A lively and interesting memorial of our late beloved friend Moses Wadsworth of Litchfield Monthly Meeting has been acceptably read at this time and impressively evinces the early watchful care of a godly concerned mother which was remarkably blessed to him, and we desire it may be a strength and encouragement to those of this class who have been favored to partake of the exercises of this meeting on this deeply interesting subject.

The Clerks are requested to prepare extracts from the minutes of this meeting and present to a future sitting to be forwarded to subordinate meetings.

We adjourn to the 10th hour to-morrow morning.

4th day morning. - Met pursuant to adjournment -

Under a solemn covering which in a sense of Heavenly good has prevailed, comparable to the manna gathered in its freshness, we adjourn to the time men Friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon - Assembled near the 4th hour.

Men Friends having furnished us with the Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, a portion of them have been read which are of a character calculated doubly to interest us.

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of New-York and Indiana have been read and approved in

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Report of the Boarding School Committee and the consideration of the affairs of the Institution generally, presented the following report - viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the proper

tions made by the School Committee in their Reports, and the affairs of the Boarding School generally, have met twice, and after a very free and full interchange of sentiment in relation to the several matters referred to them, have united in reporting to the Yearly Meeting for their adoption, the following propositions, viz:

That the proposal of the School Committee respecting the indebtedness of the School Funds to the Fund for the improvement of the real estate, called the Farm Fund, be approved, and the said indebtedness be discharged.

That the School Committee to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting at this time, be directed to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable, for such opening.

That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable enquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the School, belonging to their respective meetings, and to such as said committees shall approve to give certificates, which certificates shall be required by the School Committee in order for admission.

That the charges per term be \$40 for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings; and \$160 for any others that may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and Stationery being furnished us last year, at actual cost. It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

Applications for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, to be made as directed in the report of last year. Address, Superintendant Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Appended is a list of names of Friends proposed to constitute the School Committee for the ensuing year.

Dislocation of the Committee, Wm. C. Baker, Clerk.

Witnessed, 5th Mo. 1st 1855.

which was satisfactory - and our Friends, Eunice Meloy, Sarah
J. Hely, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam M. Reed, Rhoda Howland, Sarah
H. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Mary B. Farnum,
Elizabeth M. Osborne, Ann Elmira Long, Lavinia Wy, Hannah
G. Sawyer, Thebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor,
Elixa B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S.

Howland, Mary C. Reed, Susan Howland, Mary A. Smith
and Elizabeth Meader, are appointed to unite with a similar
committee of the mens, meeting in attending to the various
concerns of the Boarding School to report to this meeting next year.

A Report of the Committee on the concern for the Indian
located west of the Mississippi has been read, and much sympathy
and increased interest have been felt and expressed for
this interesting, injured portion of the human family.

Adjourned to the time men Friends may meet tomorrow
afternoon -

5th day afternoon - the 14th - The meeting again assembled near
the P. hour.

The Representatives being called are all present who attended
the first sitting - for the absence of two sufficient reasons were
at this time assigned -

Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London
Dublin, North Carolina, Ohio and Baltimore, have been read
and approved.

The Committee on Education made the following Report. viz.
"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting upon the subject
of Education, Reports: That they have not been unmindful of
the object of their appointment, and although no opening has
appeared to an extended field for active service, yet they have
endeavored, by individual exertion, as opportunities have been
afforded, to increase and diffuse an interest in the minds
of Friends, upon this important subject.

As in former years, circulars were addressed to the several
Monthly Meetings, calling for statistical and other information
to all of which answers have been received; and from these
the following summary has been compiled. viz:

Number of children within the compass of the Yearly Meeting,

between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	1225
Number of children between 16 and 21 years.	479
Monthly Meeting School, -	1
Preparative Meeting School, -	1
Family Schools, - - -	2
Friends' children attending Friends School exclusively as usual,	170
Do. " attending mixed Schools - - - - -	1255
First Day Schools taught the past year under the care of Id.	24
Discharge continuance of these Schools, five months.	
Number of children attending the same.	346
Do. - - do. - - - do - who are members of our	358.

Religious Society - - -

By a comparison of the above statistics with the information received last year, a slight diminution will appear, both in the number and in the attendance of select schools.

We have, however, reason to believe that an unabated interest is still felt by Friends for the guarded education of our children, and that a strong desire pervades the minds of many parents to embrace such opportunities as their circumstances and situation may afford, for the right training of their beloved offspring, and a solicitude that while their susceptible minds are being stored with knowledge, that the seeds of piety and virtue may be implanted therein. We would encourage Friends in this undertaking, and believe that the acquisition of this important object is well worth every sacrifice which it may call for.

We observe that the number of First Day Schools now in operation is reported less than last year. When we consider the advantages which would undoubtedly result to the youth of our Society from the regular attendance of these Schools, it is not without a feeling of disappointment that we learn that less than one-fourth of the number of children amongst us are in the enjoyment of the benefits which these opportunities for instruction are calculated to afford. We believe however, that a number of Friends are in the frequent practice of collecting their children in the family circle for scriptural instruction, and in this practice we would encourage parents who may be unable on account of their isolated situation in their respective neighborhoods to associate their children in a school.

capacity, for the purpose of imparting to their tender charge, a knowledge, not only of the bible, but also of those principles and doctrines which have ever distinguished our Religious Society. We learn that a number of First Day Schools will soon be opened, in addition to those now in operation, and from the renewed interest which appears now to have been awakened on the subject, we are not without hopes that an increased number of First day Schools may be reported next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

Henry C. Wood, Clerk.

Newport 6th Mo. 14, 1855."

Which is interesting and satisfactory to us; and the same persons are continued under appointment with the exception of Sarah W. Partridge, removed from St. William Monthly Meeting. Eunice Winslow is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Our minds have been at this time renewedly awakened to a sense of the importance of a guarded literary and religious education and an exercise has prevailed that those who are intrusted with the care of our children, may be favored to realize the responsibility resting upon them.

The Committee to prepare returning memorials for our friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings presented them at this time, and they have been read, approved & signed.

Extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been read, and the clerk is directed to sign and forward them to our subordinate meetings.

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf and forward the Epistles to the different Yearly Meetings.

The London printed Epistle has been read, and is deeply instructive; inciting us to increased watchfulness and humility in the various Christian duties that immediately concern our best interest and the welfare of our beloved Society.

Under an humbling sense of our unworthiness of the many mercies that have been extended to us in this our Annual Meeting, we can gratefully acknowledge that we have been enabled to transact the business that has come before us in much harmony and Christian concord, accompanied with a precious evidence that as we are concerned to keep me an

to the blessed Head of the Church, we can realize that in truth,
one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

In a measure of the contriving influence of Divine love, we bid one another
affectionately Farewell—proposing to meet at the usual time and place
next year.

Signed by direction word on behalf of the meeting,
Susan Howland, Clerk.

Summary Answers.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have
been attended, except a few small meetings mostly omitted in
consequence ~~in consequence~~ of sickness and inclemency of weather,
and generally by the greater part of our members, yet neglect is
apparent in some instances, on which account some care has
been taken—The hour nearly observed. Mostly preserved from
sleeping and other unbecoming behavior.

2^d. Love and unity are maintained by most friends. Detraction
not wholly guarded against. When differences have arisen
care has been taken to end them.

3^d. We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up
their under their discipline in plainness of speech, behavior
and apparel; to restrain them from pernicious reading,
and from corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary herein
themselves, yet many deficiencies are apparent in the support
of our testimonies in these respects—The Holy Scriptures are
frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Careful in the several particulars of this query except a
few instances of attending places of public amusement.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Their
children partake of learning. One instance of placing from
amongst Friends.—

6th. Most parents and heads of families, with many of the

young and unmarried are careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet deviations have occurred where some care has been taken.

4th Mostly clear in regard to the several requisitions of this order - One instance of contributing to the support of an "itinerant" ministry, where care has been taken.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts as far as appears; and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th - Friends are mostly careful as to records - Some deficiencies in regard to certificates, on which account some care has been taken.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after - though not so seasonably in all cases as would be best - and judgment we have been placed in the authority of truth according to our discipline.

Extracts.

We have been deeply impressed through the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting with a sense of our dependence on the all-wise and all-mighty Helper of His people, and although many of us assembled at this time with the language in our hearts, "by whom shall Jacob arise for he is small," yet we would gratefully acknowledge that condescending goodness and mercy have been extended to us, and that in Christian fellowship we have been permitted to experience a little of that strength which is made perfect in weakness.

Lively and instructive epistles from our beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings have been comforting to us at this time, confirming us in the belief that this epistolary correspondence is a link in the Christian bond that has been strengthened by the trials that have been permitted to assail the militant Church.

An interesting and impressive memorial from Green

which Monthly Meeting, concerning our late beloved Friend Thomas
Dunham, has been read, imparting deep instruction and encourage-
ment, in a view of the efficacy and power of a living faith in the atoning
sacrifice of redemptive love and mercy through Jesus Christ our
Lord; impressing our minds with a renewed sense of the excellence
of the power of the ever blessed truth, when yielded to in the morning
of life, and which enabled this, our dear Friend, through a long series
of years, and under deep and varied afflictions, to act the part of
a valiant in the Lamb's warfare, and to become a living witness
of the sufficiency of Divine grace for the salvation of the immor-
tal soul.

A solemn evening has also been spent over this meeting
in reading a memorial from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, of
our late beloved Friend Moses Wadsworth, and we have been greatly
impressed with a sense of the love and mercy of our Heavenly
Father extended to those who are concerned early to come under the reg-
ulating influence of the spirit of Truth.

The state of society, as reported by the answers to the queries, has
introduced the minds of many into deep exercise, that the attendance
of all our religious meetings might be faithfully observed by Friends,
believing that the promotion of the cause of Truth and the prosperity
of Zion, very much depends on our faithfulness in this Christian
duty;—and we reverently trust that the pure mind in many has
been awfully stirred up to increasing vigilance in sustaining
the beautiful order and healthful tendency of our Christian disci-
pline. Mothers have been tenderly admonished to train their
dear children in the right way of the Lord, and much affectionate
counsel and advice has been imparted in the love of the Gospel for
their encouragement, faithfully to discharge the responsible duties
devolving on them in the interesting station they occupy as wives
and mothers—exerting as they do a powerful influence in the dif-
ferent relations of life, and making impressions on the youthful
mind never to be effaced.

Appropriate and impressive advice has
been extended to Friends, both elder and younger, on the subject of
silent worship and waiting upon the Minister of Ministers, who is
to appear to instruct and teach his people himself; uniting the
members of the Church one unto another in the love of the

of the gospel, and preparing the heart to offer the acceptable tribute of prayer and praise.

Reports from our Boarding School Committee, and the Committee on Education, have been acceptably read, and our minds have been renewedly awakened to a sense of the importance of a guarded literary and religious education; and an exercise has prevailed that those who are intrusted with the care of our children, may be favored to feel and realize the responsibility resting upon them. We desire that parents may be concerned to impress upon their children a right estimate of the value of the Holy Scriptures and of the truths therein contained, believing that as their minds are stored with a knowledge of these invaluable writings, it may prove a blessing in bringing them in early life to surrender their wills to the cross of Christ.

A report of the Committee on the concern for the Indians, located west of the Mississippi, has been read, and much sympathy and increased interest has been felt and expressed for this deeply interesting and much injured portion of the human family.

We have had the acceptable company of several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have been encouraging and strengthening to us.

Under an humbling sense of our unworthiness of the many mercies that have been extended to us in this our Annual Meeting, we can gratefully acknowledge that we have been enabled to transact the business that has come before us in much harmony and Christian condescension, accompanied with a precious evidence that as we are concerned to keep near to the blessed Head of the Church we can realize that of a truth, one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

In a measure of the contriving influence of Divine love, we bid one another affectionately farewell - proposing to meet at the usual time and place next year.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland, Clerk.

Our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of last year was received at our meeting was then in session, and was comforting and edifying to us. We are now again permitted to assemble as a Yearly Meeting, and very precious to us is the sense of the unity, and happy fellowship, our beloved friends with whom we are permitted to have sweet intercourse in a correspondence of this nature.

Most strengthening is the assurance, that wherever situated we are engaged in the same glorious work, called to the same holy service, dependent upon the same all-wise power; and that if we are faithful, we are chiefly concerned to advance the cause of our Holy Redeemer. How tendering is the thought of his great love and mercy to us, in that while we were yet sinners, he died for us; that he rose from the dead, ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of our Father. Through him we may come boldly to the Throne of Grace—in his name we may put up our prayers, and feel the blessed assurance that they are heard in Heaven.— The faith that is of Jesus Christ, the faith of the gospel, does indeed tend to bind us together, and those that truly have this faith,—that are really trusting in the same Saviour, that are engaged above all things else, to know and to do his will, cannot fail to live one another—they salute each other as fellow pilgrims, following the same gracious leader, as travellers towards the same glorious city; and extending the hand of fellowship and offering the language of encouragement, they are concerned to help and to comfort each other in the journey of life.—

We have gratefully to acknowledge that our present Yearly Meeting has been a season of favor, and we have been enabled to attend to the affairs of the Church that have claimed our attention with much unity of feeling. The importance of attending our religious meetings has claimed our very serious attention at this time, and we have been made aware that as all our blessings come from the Lord, it is our reasonable service to render unto Him that worship which is his due; and though discouragements may arise still we believe as our hearts are given up to serve Him who has redeemed us in his own blood, that we shall feel it a blessed privilege to retire from the engrossing scenes of life; and shutting out, as

and will be used and so may even be lost in retirement,
if he is not used. In this our concern, we still believe that
he will condescend to be very near to us with his life giving presence,
sustaining our hearts with his love and peace.

Mothers have been tenderly entreated to give all diligence to the
instruction and right training of their precious children - the same
committed to them in the wilderness of this world; and we trust
that many hearts have been humbled before the Lord in view of
the responsibility resting upon them. It is indeed a most serious
and solemn consideration that the children committed to us,
are with the ability that God may give, to be trained not only
for this life, but for that which is to come, even for that to which
is unseen and eternal. And, too, we are the and dependent
as we are, to whom shall we look but to our Father in Heaven,
for help to go right on and out before those dear ones for ability
to point their way and avail to speak to them of the joy
of His Salvation.

In the great glimmers of gospel love we bid you
affectionately Farewell.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland Clark.

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

You have been brought feelingly into our remem-
brance at this time, in a measure of that love that desires the
unity of men, and the enlargement of her borders; that we
being members, favored with diversities of gifts, may be built
ded together, as one living body, over which our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ is head; and here, we come to witness an establish-
ment on that Rock, against which, the gates of hell cannot
prevail; every one abiding in their own lot, watching unto prayer
may have an ear to hear, what the Spirit saith unto the church.
For the Lord hath spoken: - And there are hidden ones among his
people, whose hearts have uttered in secret before him; a language
similar to the prophet: "Oh Lord! I have heard thy speech, and
was afraid." Oh Lord! revive thy work, in the midst of the years,
in the midst of the years, make known in wrath, remember men.

and oh, for their uncounted sake, bid the people in prayer, let their dwelling be in a low place, far from the strife of tongues: hide them in thy pavilion; in the day of controversy, for the Lord hath a controversy with his people; and he will plead with Israel, as in days of old.

Our Annual Assembly has been large at this time, and mercifully owned in the several sittings thereof, by the blessing of Israel, whose mercies are new every morning.

We have acceptably in attendance several hundred Friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel labors have been seasonably refreshing to many of our minds.

Many lively and precious testimonies have been borne, of the efficacy of that grace through faith in Christ Jesus, by which we are saved; and that light and power by which our true uniting friends were gathered to be a people, and sent forth in gospel love and witness to the light.

Our beloved young Friends, many of whom were in attendance, have been tenderly entreated, to choose now in the morning of their day, the Lord for their portion, the God that shall be the lot of their inheritance. An affectionate sister, whose illness is felt for those both with you and us, who, through the blessing of pious parents, have been as we loved, planted in their Father's house—who love the truth and believe in it as the only sure foundation, a tabernacle never to be taken down; and whom the Cross of Christ is yet, in a measure a stumbling block: may these little ones come very near, and learn of Him, who said, "my yoke is easy, and my burthen light", that they may find rest to their souls. Much unity of feeling has prevailed in transacting the weighty concerns of Society; the present State of which, has led many feeling remarks and seasonable counsel on the subject of attending our religious meetings. Much sympathy was felt and encouragement given to those remote from meetings, who have many discouragements attending them; being often small, and few seasons: "He who said", whose love and grace are gathered in my name, then will be in the midst of them", has never failed to keep his promises to those who wait on him in spirit and in truth. The belief of a true spiritual union is as acceptable an offering as man can bring before the

Author of his being, and that these sacrifices of contrite spirits, are
with the Father in heaven.

The daily reading of the Holy
Scriptures in our families has been encouraged, believing a
frequent recurrence to their sacred precepts, has proved to many
as a wall of defence against the insroads of a too worldly spirit;
and against temptation in various forms.

With a salutation of love to our dear friends.

Signed to direct to and in behalf of the Meetg.

Susan Howland Clark.

To New-York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In attempting to address you, and acknowledge
the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of this year, we reverently
desire to know our minds clothed with that pure spirit of divine
love by which alone we can be qualified to perform any good work,
and which will enable those who take heed to the insinuating of its
light in their hearts, to respond to the salutation of each other, as
face answereth to face; and to speak a word in season to the
comfort and encouragement of fellow travellers, seeking a more
enduring inheritance. And may we, dear Sisters, be truly
engaged to press forward towards the mark, for the prize of
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and by thus yielding
to the operation of divine grace in our hearts, and seeking for
preservation on the right hand and on the left, we may become
humble instruments for the promotion of that blessed Cause
which is dignified with immortality and crowned with
eternal life, and through the mercy of Him, who "Himself
took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," we may be
fitted and prepared for a never ending state of existence.

During the several sittings of our Yearly Meeting
much unanimity and harmony have prevailed, and we
have been favored, as we humbly trust to experience the over-
shadowing of Divine Goodness to be mercifully spread over us.

In reviewing the state of Society, although many
deficiencies still exist among us, we have been comforted in the

evidence presented that there are many among the younger as well as the older class with us who are sincerely desirous to devote themselves to the service of our great Creator.

The importance of attending our religious meetings has been justly estimated here, and we have been encouraged to attend to the reasonable service of presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, and to endeavor to bind up our minds from the eager pursuit of the business the world and seek for ability to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; "For we are not our own, we are bought with a price."

The responsibility of Mothers has been sorely impressed upon us, and the necessity of endeavoring early to imbue the tender minds of our children with the love of the Truth as it is in Jesus; that as they are willing to submit to its restraints and to follow its dictates, they may know that, "Wisdoms ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

We tenderly sympathize with our beloved Sisters of other Churches, Societies where a spirit has prevailed which would tear them and divide, and we earnestly desire they may be encouraged to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, in that feeling which breathes, "peace on earth, and good will to men," remembering the words of our blessed Saviour, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Of the number of those whose places among you we now know no more, there were some whom we knew and loved, and we would unite in a tribute of affectionate regard to their memory, in humble acquiescence to the will of Him who doeth all things will.

With you we feel deeply to deplore the continued existence of the blight of slavery in our favored land, yet our faith is at times mercifully strengthened in the belief that He who holds the "practises under their feet in bondage," also "doth the affliction" of this oppressed people and will yet condescend to come down to deliver them.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of several

dear friends, from the Lord's blessings the brightness of his
spirit and the purity of his spirit ministrations has been continuing
and increasing to us.

With the resolution, we to remain your friends,
remained to do so and in behalf of the meeting.
Susan Howard Clark.

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Being gathered again to assemble as the humblest trust
under the wing of Ancient Goodness to transact the weighty affairs
of the Church, our hearts have been comforted, and our confidence
in the watchful care of our Heavenly Father has been strengthened
while listening to the sweet messages of love from other dear sisters
who are engaged with us in the same "high way of faith and
patience." For the covering of peace which has been spread
over us, and the unanimity of feeling which has pervaded this
meeting during its piling our hearts have been raised in grate-
tude to the God of love, who alone can keep unbroken the cords
which bind us, however widely we may be separated, in one har-
monious Christian Sisterhood.

The Epistle from our beloved Sisters of Ohio Yearly Meeting
written as it was amid circumstances of peculiar trial, and breath-
ing a spirit of resignation and quiet trust, was indeed touching,
addressing itself to our warmest sympathies—and many were the
 fervent desires expressed that the waves of affliction which have
been permitted to assail our dear friends in that portion of our Terri-
tory should not overwhelm them, but that the same Almighty Arm
which has thus far proved a wonderful support, may continue its
protecting power, and sweeten for them every bitter cup.

Many of us have been humbled at the present time, in
view of the many favors, both spiritual and temporal, which
our Heavenly Father is conferring upon us, and the language of
our "heart position," "What shall we render unto the Lord for all
His benefits—O, may each of us be enabled to say—Lord, I will
take the cup of Salvation, and call upon thy name;—I will
praise my name which I have made in the presence of all the
world."

Your address, dear sister, in your Epistle of Wk. Mo. last, to the deep exercise into which you have been introduced by the many deficiencies appearing among you in regard to the support of our Christian testimony.

We truly sympathize with you in this exercise. Our hearts also have been pained by a similar manifestation of indifference among our members, and earnest prayers have ascended to Him who is the source of all strength, and our only unerring Guide - that those who professing piety, without any worldly consideration, have been enticed from the straight and narrow path which leads through the green pastures, and beside the still waters, may be awakened to a deeper and more abiding sense of their religious duties, and that their aspirations may be raised above the transient pleasures of this fading scene, to their pure enjoyments which are in store for the meek and faithful followers of the Lamb.

We have at this time the company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose Gospel labors have been acceptable and encouraging to us. And we have been reminded of other beloved ones who were among us at our last annual gathering, but who have been since called from their labors in the Church Militant, to their reward, as we humbly believe, in the Church triumphant. And may you with us be prepared to join them with the ransomed of the Lord, in the blessed mansion prepared for those who, by patient continuance in well doing are faithful unto the end.

We continue to sympathize with you upon the subject of Slavery, and sincerely desire to embrace every opportunity which may appear in the light of truth, to aid in severing the fetters which hold so many of our fellow men as captives within our borders. We would not entertain a more lukewarm sentiment in regard to this important matter, but would remember those in bonds as bound with them.

Much solicitude has been felt and expressed by Friends at the time upon the subject of Education. The interests of our Boarding School have claimed our solid consideration, and while we regret the necessity of its temporary suspension, we are enabled to hope that it may soon be reopened, and restore to our youth its former usefulness.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland Clark.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

We have received your acceptable Epistle of 9th month last, and have been comforted and encouraged in hearing it read with the evidence which has attended that you have been sustained amid all your trials - and that help from on high, has been extended in the needful time - Yea, that a way has been made for your deliverance where there seemed to be no way, and that as you have been engaged to have your feet planted upon the Rock - the Lord has condescended to establish your going. We would therefore dear Sisters, affectionately encourage you to persevere in true humility and godly fear, asking counsel of every step, of "Him who does not condescend to guide His people in the paths of true judgment, as their eye is kept singly unto Him.

It is the earnest desire of our hearts that as our beloved Society has been brought to pass as it were through the cloud and through the fire, that it may come forth from the furnace purified - that those who still have the privilege of membership herein, may dwell under a sense of their responsibility, and may be concerned not to undervalue or abuse any of these privileges, but by individual faithfulness, and watching unto prayer, be enabled to build up the weak, sinners that we should build every man against his own house. May we be willing to purchase each one of our excellent testimonies for ourselves, and not receive them merely as traditions from the fathers, that our principles may still be professed in the life and power of that primitive Christianism on which they are founded, and of which they are intended to present a living exemplification.

We greatly desire that our dear young friends may be willing to come under the mild yoke of Christ - that they may be taught in His School whose wise and heavenly discipline will be blessed to their souls - That they may listen to the "Still Small Voice" of Him who teacheth us neverman taught, and thus be led and guided into all truth - and that they may study the Scriptural grounds of our belief and thereby be confirmed in the assurance that it rests on a solid and permanent foundation.

We have been favored at this time with quiet and harmonious meetings - The answers to the Queries present many deficiencies

amongst us, on which account a large exercise of spirit has been
held, and counsel has been administered, we hope under right
authority. We have brought to feel renewedly our entire depen-
dence on the Lord for supplies of grace and strength - yet we
are encouraged to believe that this blessed help will be granted
to His humble waiting followers; and that He who of old led His
people through manifold dangers and besetments, is still near
to bring forth His own purposes by His almighty power. May we
not be found among those who having seen His wonders and
been constrained to sing His praise, have soon forgotten His work
but rather diligently seek to become faithful bearing branches
of the true vine, in living fellowship with Christ and one with
another.

The company of Friends from other Yearly Meetings has been
very acceptable to us, and their gospel labors refreshing and edi-
fying.

An interesting report of the Committee on Indian affairs
has been read, which has introduced our minds into sympathy
for this deeply injured race, and a desire has prevailed that we
should be prepared to assist in every right effort for their improvement
and comfort.

The cry of the oppressed of every class, has entered into the ear of
the Lord of Sabaoth. May we as humble instruments in His hand,
be made to contribute our mite towards the lessening of the great
weight of human sin and suffering, remembering that he is our
minister to whomsoever we can do good, of whatever nation, kindred,
tongue or race he may be, and that it is from the universal
church on earth - will be gathered the blessed Company which
shall surround the Throne in Heaven.

With the salutation of love we are your Friends.

Wanted be directed and on behalf of the Mission.

Susan Howland Clark.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In a manner that becometh us and edifies concern-
ing the welfare of the Church, which has from the beginning been
granted to our Annual Assemblies, we affectionately address you
at this time, and it is with humble hearts that we acknowledge
the help afforded us in this our solemn gathering, whereby we have
been enabled to transact the important affairs laid before us in
Christian love.

Your lively Epistle of 10th. month last has been received.
The reading thereof with those from other Yearly Meetings have been
encouraging and comforting to us, and we have felt a renewal of
desire that the goodness and mercy of Him from whom we derive
all our blessings, may excite us to love and to serve Him with fervency
of soul, and to crave that under the influence of the Spirit of
His Son, we may in all things be enabled to magnify His Holy name.
And dear Friends, although trials may attend the path of allotted
duty, may you be sustained under all these, and feeling sensible
your own insufficiency, may you look unto the Lord omniscient,
with steadfast reliance on Him, the Father of mercies and the
sure support of all that yield obedience to Him, and trust in Him—
and indeed that a man patiently wait and await the hope for the
salvation of the Lord.

Our minds have been clothed with solicitude,
dear young Friends, that you may submit unreservedly to the
visitation of divine love, mercifully extended to you, by which
you will be preserved from the pressures and temptations of the
present world, and become prepared to sit as at the feet of the
blessed Master, to hear the gracious words that proceed out
of His mouth, and like Mary ponder them in your hearts—
and we do not neglect you, the dear small things, remem-
bering that he that is faithful in little is faithful also in the much,
that may be committed to him—thus by an humble dedicatory
heart to the intimations of divine wisdom, you will be favored to
be ~~in the love of the Father and the Son~~ ~~and in the love of the Father and the Son~~
and have Jesus Christ.

We have been favored with the company of several dear
sisters from other Yearly Meetings—the gospel labors and union

a joyful, pure and genuine strain and strain to us.

We wish further in the concern manifested here that our African race, may continue to claim our attention, and may be assured that of our Heavenly Father that every yoke of bondage may be broken and the oppressed of every clime become free and may be able ourselves of every opening to promote their comfort and improve their condition.

With the cordialities of love we bid you Farewell.

Remain by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan "Constant" Cook.

To Sister Anna Carter Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister

We have been brought afresh at this time to our remembrance, in that feeling of Christian love and Fellowship which should us unite the various members of the Church of Christ. and we would gratefully acknowledge as among the many blessings of our Heavenly Father, the feeling of love and fellowship which has been evidently felt and manifested in the various sittings of our Yearly Meeting. The Fruits of the Spirit are, love, joy, peace. and while we have felt united to one another, our hearts have been enlarged towards you, our dear distant Sisters, desiring that you with us, may be one in the Lord.

The great doctrine of Redemption by Jesus Christ has been prominently and impressively proclaimed among us at this time. This great and important doctrine, which cannot be too much or too often dwell upon - the Foundation of the Christian's hope. And while we undoubtingly receive the Scripture testimony concerning the birth, life, miracles, sufferings, death and resurrection of our Saviour, let us not rest satisfied with this, but in that living faith which is the substance of things hoped for, and the proof of things not seen, let us receive him into our hearts, and be made conformed to his spirit, following by his assistance in his Divine footsteps, imitating his blessed example, "going about, doing good" "and shall be gathered in from us all bitterness and wrath and envy and clamor and evil speaking, with all malice," and we will be kind one to another, forgiving one another even as God, is kind to

sake hath forgiven us!

And, dear young sisters, we feel bound to address you in the language of earnest entreaty, that now in the morning of life, you will give up your hearts to Jesus the Lord, and choose Him for your portion — He loves an early sacrifice, and His promise is sure. "He that hath my yoke shall find me." He is not a hard master, neither is a God afar off — but stands at the door of every heart knocking to be admitted — Let us open unto Him — And oh, the blessed rest and peace there is in serving Him, and in knowing our wills to be not in subjection, but in perfect union with His divine will — then hard things will be made easy, and bitter things sweet, and in the hour of trial and temptation which must come sooner or later to each one of you, you will know that you have a friend on whom you can rely with confidence and safety; "who has been tempted in all points like as you are, yet without sin", and who can therefore fully sympathise in all our weaknesses and afflictions; for in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." Does not His wonderful love & condescension call for our warmest gratitude, and can we refuse Him the devotion of our hearts, when he asks, "my son, my daughter, give me thy heart"? —

The subject of the faithful attendance of our religious meetings has called forth a living exercise in many minds — May you with us be fresh animated to overcome the obstacles which may present to the performance of this obvious and important duty — and when assembled for the solemn purpose of Divine Worship, let us earnestly endeavor that "every thought may be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ". — Having our minds withdrawn from every thing outward, let us earnestly endeavor to lift up our hearts in prayer unto God, that He may bless our assembling together, and help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth — and may we confidently hope, if we ask in the simplicity of faith, that our prayers will be heard and answered.

The frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, with prayer, that our Father in Heaven would open our understandings to comprehend their sacred truths, and our hearts to receive their blessed and comforting influences, has been felt to be among the important means of bringing us to the enjoyment of that life, "which is hid

with Christ in "red", and which shines "in the darkness"
consecrated to us in this life, as some "in the light" are
reserved for the resurrection."

We still deplore the distressed and degraded
condition of those held in bondage in their fellow men. With
their bonds seem scarcely loosed, and the prospect of deliverance
whispered, but it would grow weary in petitioning them, to wait
to undo the heavy burdens and let the oppressed go, that
He will hasten the day of their redemption - and, maybe be
permeated so thankful, that when any opening presents for
right effort on their behalf, we may be prepared to embrace it.

With a salutation of love, we remain your fellow.

Devoted to devotion and on behalf of the millions,

Susan Howland Clark.

At New-England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport on Rhode Island - The meeting for Discepline
commencing 16th. of 6th. month - 1856 -

As the accounts received from our several Quarterly
Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appoin-
ted Representatives to this meeting - viz -

From Aquidneck Island - Susan F. Peck, Phoebe Chase, Elizabeth
Peckham, Mary M. Smith, Sarah Leighton, Hannah C.
Robinson, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Meader & Anna S. Dennis

From Salem - Elizabeth Gove, Miss Keene, Beulah W. Rogers,
Maria C. Brad, Hannah Pae, Hannah S. Sawyer, Mary
J. Page, Ruth D. Page and Miriam Newhall.

From Sandwich - Mary Gifford, Rhoda Howland, Elizabeth
Dillingham, Ruth H. Baker, Abigail Davis, Sarah M.
Easton, Anna E. Almy and Mary G. Macomber.

From Smithfield - Mary B. Farnum, Ruth E. Page, Sarah
M. Earle, Mary B. Wing, and Sarah H. Earle.

From Falmouth - Eunice J. Rich, Hannah W. Jones, Jane
C. Minott, Mary Hawkes, Lydia Whistler & Frank
Hawkes.

From Wassalboro' - Almira S. Hanson, Ann Almira Lang,
Susanna Jones, Eunice Van Blaricum, Sybil Estes,
Susan Huxley, Julia P. Wyand Almira Pishon.

From Dover - Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrill, Hannah
G. Sawyer, Sarah B. Roberts, Martha Meader and
Phoebe H. Meader.

From Fairfield - Chloe Douglas, Patience D. Swan, Eliza-
beth J. Sampson, Lucy J. Hawkes, & Cynthia C. Jones.
We are, present two.

By the report from Salem Quarterly
meeting we are informed that they have united with the
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Page,
and Sabina M. Page to the Station of Elders - We are also
informed that Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with
Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Phoebe H.
Meader to the same station.

We have and accept letters from our dear sisters
the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, Indiana, Ohio,

New York, North Carolina, and Baltimore have been sent a
the letter which are very profitable instructions. We are all
inclined to desire that this our gathering, coming together may be
marked in the simplicity of the truth as it is in Jesus.

We appoint our friends, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth
Lee, Hannah L. Singer, Olivia C. Blair, Mary R. Stone, Hannah
L. Bates, Elizabeth Meader, Huldah H. Beede, Rhoda Howland,
Susan H. Tobey, Gertrude H. Cartland, Phebe R. Gifford, Anna
L. Condit, Ruth H. Baker, Dorcas H. Tucker, Chloe Douglass,
Carrie Van Blaricum, Phebe H. Meader, Miriam Newhall,
Susan H. Tucker, Susan Howland, Maria S. Garrison, Hannah
Condit, Ann Elmira Lang and Mary C. Breed to prepare
songs, hymns, and choruses, to read and present them at a future
sitting of this meeting.

We appoint our friends Lydia Congdon, Sarah F. Tobey,
John Gifford and Hannah Page to prepare a Summary to be
read in connection with the Answers to the Queries, and present
it at future sittings.

Our Representatives are requested to meet at the close
of this sitting to confer together on the subject of clerks and report
thereon.

The gathering of this our annual meeting has been
a season of solemnity, and the tribute of blessing and praise
has been truly, arisen from the altar of many hearts.

We all want to the same men, friends may meet this afternoon
at 4 o'clock. Meet near the 4th hour.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the Repre-
sentatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together
and were united in proposing Susan Howland for Clerk and
John B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved they
were appointed for the ensuing year.

The minutes of last year were now read.

At this meeting the acceptable company of our
dear friends, Lord Peterson of Walnut Ridge Monthly
Meeting, Indiana; David H. Bennett of Butterfields Monthly
Meeting, Anna Adams of Marlborough Monthly Meeting
New York; Berseba G. Herenden of Farmington Monthly Meet-
ing, H. Huldah H. Hoag of East Grove Monthly Meeting New
Haven, Rebecca S. Updun of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and

from the members of White Water Monthly Meeting; testimonies from their respective meetings, by persons of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have with the acceptable company of our beloved friends Sarah & Mary, companion to sister Rebecca Hordcroft; Mrs. Sophia, companion to our friend Bertha G. Hordcroft; Henry Bull companion to our friend David H. Bennett; William H. companion to our friend Fred Patterson; William Henrich companion to his wife Ann Henrich; Ephraim B. Ratcliff companion to our friend Huldah H. Hoag, Esther & a others companion to Bertha G. Hordcroft & Esther Knight companion to Huldah H. Hoag. — Satisfactory testimonials on their behalf from their several meetings have been received and read.

The London printed Epistle has been read at this time, renewing in our minds a sense of the love of God through Him who is the way, the truth and the life — May the sound Gospel truth conveyed through this medium have a lasting impression upon our minds, and prove an incentive to increased vigilance in the maintenance of our important doctrines and testimonies, that is immediately concern the present and future welfare of our Religious Society.

Under a sense of Heavenly regard, we adjourn to the 11th hour to morrow morning.

3^d day morning — Assembled near the 10th hour. —

After a season of retirement the meeting entered upon a consideration of the State of Society by reading the Queries and Answers received from the several Quarterly Meetings together with a summary prepared by the committee, a grand testimonial. Much feeling and weighty admonition has been imparted on the importance of a diligent attendance of all our religious meetings, and the maintenance of love and unity, believing a want of it will make way for the bitter fruits of detraction, so inconsistent with the peaceable spirit of the Gospel — love to God and love one to another — The deep and heartfelt conviction of the deficiencies apparent amongst us is calculated to excite to increased diligence in the discharge of our various religious duties; involving we believe the welfare of our Society and greatly

regarding the promotion of the blessed cause of Truth; individually and collectively. We have all been tenderly admonished to increased watchfulness, even unto prayer, that the enemy of all righteousness may not prevail, in laying waste our precious testimony given us to bear, and purchased for us through suffering and persecution.

Our clerks are directed to prepare extracts from the minutes of this meeting, and present at a future sitting, to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At noon—Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read at this time which is satisfactory; and the Funds, now under appointment are continued for another year, and are requested to give attention to the various concerns of the Institution, and to report to this meeting next year. &c.

The Report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting."

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention to the objects of their appointment and now report.—

"That the school being vacated at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, the Committee were desired, as by minute of the Yearly Meeting, 'to look towards the opening of the school at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be, practicable, for such opening.'"

In pursuance of this conclusion, the Committee proceeded to consider what arrangements would best promote its objects, and on mature deliberation came to the following results, viz:

"That it is desirable and expedient in the proposed opening of the school, to provide—That the teachers in the school shall be provided for by Contract at a fixed rate to be hereafter agreed upon, the same to be made satisfactory to the Committee.

"That it also is further desirable and expedient, that the board of scholars should be provided for by Contract at a fixed price under such regulations as may be established by the Committee, including all the domestic arrangements of the family.

"The Committee were enabled to carry out these conclusions,

substantially, by a contract entered into with Joseph Eastland, and with his wife Corinda H. Eastland, entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents of the school, to furnish the necessary assistant Teachers, and the board of the Scholars, and to conduct the School in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Committee, both as to Teachers that are employed by them, and in all other respects, and to pay all expenses that accrue from thus conducting the School.

For the purpose of carrying out this Contract, it was agreed that they should have the use of the School premises, and that as compensation for the service required by the contract, they should receive the moneys paid for board and tuition of the scholars, have the use and improvement of the Farm, and that they should receive from the income of the School, during the term of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid them semi-annually, one half at the close of each term.

Under this arrangement, the School was opened for the winter term on Fourth Day, 31st. of 10th. month last, and one hundred and fifty-seven pupils were then and subsequently admitted, and attended the School for the whole or part of the term; of whom eighty-three were males, and seventy-four were females.

The assistant Teachers employed, were Timothy B. Hussey, Charles W. Earle, Elizabeth S. Jones, Anna McNeil, Pamela C. Carney and Sarah E. Whittier, in the English branches; Joseph W. Congdon Teacher of Greek, Latin, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; Catharine E. Chase Teacher of French, German, and Needle Work, and Marianna Stanton, Teacher of Drawing.

The various branches taught in the School, are indicated by the above list of Teachers, and they embrace such as are believed to be most useful in fitting the pupils for the varied duties of life.

The Committee have exercised a constant supervision over the Institution in its various departments during the year, and since the opening of the School have held meetings ~~on the 1st, 15th, and 30th~~ of the month, during which committees, appointed at each meeting, for its more immediate ca-

It is a source of much satisfaction to receive that our Institution has been conducted in a manner to promote the objects of its establishment - that good order and harmony have generally prevailed, and that the progress of the Scholars in their various Studies has been satisfactory. Care has been taken to promote a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles.

Religious worship, in "usual manner, have been held in the School House as heretofore - the Scholars at other times attending the meetings of Friends, in Providence. At these meetings the conduct of the Scholars has been becoming, and many of them have been seasons of much interest.

The examination at the close of the term, was attended by many of the members of the School Committee, by members of the Anti-Slavery Committee and devotion and other exercises. The exercises of the Scholars gave evidence of attention and diligence on their part, and of "faithfulness on the part of the Principals and Assistant Teachers. There was evidence that much care had been extended to promote the objects of the Institution, in imparting a guarded education, and instilling into the minds of the children, the principles of morality and virtue. The close of the examination, furnished an interesting opportunity with the Scholars, which was marked by much solemnity, and we trust may be remembered by them in after time.

The health of the Scholars has generally been preserved. One death has taken place. George M. Underhill, of New-London, a young Friend, who for several terms had been at the school, and who had, by his orderly and exemplary deportment, endeared himself to the officers of the Institution, died very suddenly of malignant sore throat. On this occasion a religious meeting was held at the school, which was a solemn and favored season. After which the remains were conveyed to his friends.

The following minute was made by the Committee in reference to this event: "This renewed evidence of the uncertainty of time, has clothed our minds with feelings of deep

seemeth, and an ardent wisher that the more all-
 abundant God be in blessing, our blessed Lord and
 Father's Kingdom be advanced, for in such an hour as we
 think not, the end of man's earth.*

An account of the Institution have been examined and
 audited. Those relating to the Charitable Fund, stand as
 follows, viz:

Receipts, for the year,	\$ 433 00
Payments, for board and tuition, &c. &c.	320 00
" for due "nature," from this Fund	
last year,	\$ 75.
And in "treasurer's hands" at the close of the	
last term, applicable to the continuation	126 25.
	\$ 433 00.

An account relating to the general Fund stand as
 follows, viz:

Receipts, from income of School Fund	\$ 6.434.84
" from sundry small debts.	145 10.
	\$ 6.580 94.

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principals);

" By Treasurers to C. W. Earle, while the School was vacated, for his
 services and for sundry, sundtains on the Farm &c. &c. \$ 75 94.

Insurance, \$ 165. Interest, \$ 228.46 — — — 393 46.

Repairs, furniture, &c. 1.483 33

By Capt. Eastland on contract, 1.510 10

\$ 4.224 95

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of \$ 2.345 99

This sum has been applied towards the payment of the debts of
 the Institution.

These debts as reported last year, were. \$ 8.276 96

Of which there was due from the Charitable Fund.

Since paid from that fund — — — — — 8 75

Leaving the debt against the general fund \$ 8.268 21

From which deduct the above excess of receipts

over expenditures the past year. — — — — — 2.345 99.

* As an offset to this expenditure, it may be stated, that of the produce of the Farm
 the past year, there remained on hand, when the School was vacated last fall
 sundry articles, valued at \$ 6,233.39, which were taken by the Principal to be used
 in the Institution, and for which he is to account.

Under our present arrangements it will be seen, that provision is made for the gradual payment of the debt of the Institution.

The attention of the Committee has been directed to the subject of course of study, for such as will be the full limit of a systematic education, to be continued through a period of four years. This course is not intended to interfere in any degree with the instruction heretofore given in the School, but to be applicable only to those who may wish to pursue it, and in this view, it has met with the approbation of the Committee.

We would propose that the charge per term of ten or twelve weeks, for board and tuition be \$40, for members of our Yearly Meeting;—\$50 for members of our Quarterly Meetings, and when new birth parents are members of our Religious Society, or are sent to the charge of members of our Religious Society;—and \$100 for any others who may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made, for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French, or in Drawing;—Books and Stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

As certain regulations as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manners, and times of the admission of scholars, &c., we refer to the accompanying circular, issued by the Committee, in the Seventh month last.

We commend the Institution to the continued interest and care of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee—

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk."

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eight of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third & on before the first Fifth days in the 3d. and 9th. Months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

All other Meetings applications for admission of members of

our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

At the same time applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications as heretofore in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And Friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund are to be made to the Principals.

Address Joseph Cartland,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

We have received a statement of the proceedings of our friends of London Yearly Meeting in relation to the late unhappy division in Ohio Yearly Meeting; which has been read. Their views and Christian concern so charitably and instructively set forth are encouraging and stimulating, and the advice contained therein salutary & acceptable to us.

The following minute addressed to this meeting by our friends of London Yearly Meeting has also been received, viz:—

"Last Meeting, 1853.

The circumstances of our Friends who come from America to this country in the work of the ministry, have again engaged our brotherly consideration. Whilst feeling the importance of intercourse with the blessed assistance of the Spirit of Truth in their religious movements, this Meeting is of the judgment, that advantage would arise from our dear Friends proceeding to London as soon as may be after their arrival in this country, whenever they can conveniently do so, and that it not incompatible with the principles of duty, in order that in accordance with the regulations of this Meeting, their certificates might be verified by the Meeting for Sufferings and an opportunity be at the same time afforded them, for attending the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and thus early partaking of the sympathy and aid of the members of that meeting. But in offering this suggestion, we desire that our Brethren and Sisters from a distant land, travelling among us in the service of the Gospel, may continue to receive from Friends every where a large measure of kind assistance and Christian sympathy.

(Copy.)

JAMES BOWDEN."

Under a precious evidence of Divine Favour, we adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

At the day morning, Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

An interesting and impressive memorial concerning our late beloved friend, Lydia R. Kelley has been read - The bright energy of her spirit and her humble, unobtrusive walk under the guidance and direction of best wisdom, holds forth encouragement to that humble dedication of which this our dear Friend was a bright example, and though dead she yet speaketh the assurance, "Since me I have followed Christ."

We appoint our Friends Sarah C. Withers, Hannah Merwin, Mercy R. King, and Rhoda Howland to prepare essays, & interesting minutes for our Friends who are in attendance with us, both certificates from other Yearly Meetings & Boston, to be a future sitting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At 4 o'clock Friends met near the 4th door.

Our Friends have furnished us with a minute from the

that the proposed change in the place of holding the Yearly Meeting, &c. &c. a general expression of opinion with the Report it was directed to be placed upon our records, and is as follows, viz:

"The Committee to make legal inquiry whether the removal of our Yearly Meeting would invalidate the title to our trust property, presented the following report:-

To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee appointed to make careful enquiry whether a change in the place of holding the sessions of our Yearly Meeting would in any way invalidate the title to the Trust Funds now in its possession, have attended to their appointment. They have procured the opinions of legal counsel on the question - which they have heretofore laid before the Meeting for Sufferings, and which have been read in that instance.

The result of their inquiries is, that there are doubts whether the removal contemplated may not injuriously affect the title of the Yearly Meeting to the possession of the Trust Funds now held in that Meeting, unless additional legislation is procured from the Government of Rhode Island and perhaps from Massachusetts; and such legislation it is thought it may be difficult, if not impracticable to obtain at the present time.

They would suggest for the consideration of the Meeting, whether it may not, under all the circumstances, be reasonable and best for Friends to look towards some arrangement, by which the travelling expenses of Friends attending the Yearly Meeting may be concurred.

In behalf of the Committee,

John Osbourne.

John D. Lang.

Newport, 6th. Mo. 16th. 1856."

The proposed change in our discipline in relation to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders has been read, and after a time of solid deliberation there we unite with men friends in adopting it as the discipline of our Meetings in this respect.

We have been furnished with the Minutes of the Meeting for Enquiry of last year, a portion of which has been read at this time and has interested & satisfied us —

The Committee on Education, made the following report at the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report that from accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings, they have compiled the following Summary.

Number of children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, between the ages of 4 and 16 years —	1078
Number of children between the ages of 16 and 21 years —	442
" " Monthly Meeting Schools —	2
" " Preparative " " —	1
" " Family " " —	1
" " Friend's children attending Friends' Schools exclusively as such, —	206
" " Friend's children attending mixed Schools —	1172
" " First day Schools kept the past year under the care of Friends —	22
Average continuance of these Schools, $4\frac{1}{2}$ months.	
Number of children attending same —	428.
" " " " " members of our Society. —	264.

It will be borne in mind, that in addition to the number we reported as attending select Schools there is a considerable number of Friend's children who are in the attendance of Schools wholly or in part under the care of Friends, and who are thereby obtaining an education, under circumstances which are in a good degree calculated to shield them from the contaminating influences of the world.

Though little has been effected during the year by the Committee in a collective capacity, yet several of our members have individually labored in their several neighborhoods in furtherance of this interesting concern, both by endeavoring to diffuse correct information upon the subject, and by personal exertions to promote the practical objects of their appointment. Some of our members have attended the semi-annual examinations of the pupils at the

Boarding School, much to their satisfaction. Although the advantages, many appear to be self-evident, which this Institution is now calculated to the youth of our Society, we wish again to impress upon parents the importance of endeavoring to secure for their beloved children the benefits which we believe would result from their more general attendance of this School.

By the Statistics herewith presented, it appears that the number of children who are reported as attending Friends' Schools, have little increased since last year.

We would again earnestly recommend to Friends, the importance of the establishment and proper maintenance of First Day Schools under their care. A number of Monthly meetings still report no First day School within their limits, and although many Friends are in the practice, on First day, of collecting their children in their several families for the purpose of imparting Scriptural instruction, we believe that a wide field is still open for greater exertion in this important concern.

While it may be cause of discouragement to many Friends, to observe the little that has been accomplished since the Yearly Meeting was first concerned to set apart a committee for the promotion of the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth, we would affectionately remind all such of the great importance of individual effort, and that if all whose minds have been awakened upon this subject, would endeavor in simplicity and in sincerity to do the little which may devolve upon them, their labors would be abundantly rewarded, not only by the consciousness of successful effort in the cause of education, but by the comforting persuasion that their humble endeavors had been indirectly instrumental in the promotion of the cause of truth itself.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

James Dennis, Clerk.

Newport, 6th. Mo. 18th. 1856.

Which is satisfactory and interesting to us. We appoint our friends Mary Anne Collins, Sarah M. Tetlow, Elizabeth D. Duce, Mary E. Breed, Sarah H. Anthony, Mercy K. King, Sarah H.

Carle, Sarah M. Carter, Eunice L. Dickinson, Jane C. Smith, Ann
Emilia Long, Lydia P. May, Abigail Bedee, Ruth Sawyer, Eliza-
beth Thompson, and Lucie J. Hawkes to propose to our next
meeting the naming of Friends (consisting of two from each
Monthly Meeting) to constitute a committee on Education
for the ensuing year.

We would acknowledge the favour of
sobriety and quiet, and adjourn to the time when friends
may meet to-morrow afternoon.

On the day after-morn, the 19th. The meeting again adjourned
that meet the third hour.

The Representatives present except Lucie

Carle's of Epistles to our Sisters of the Yearly Meetings of
London, Dublin, New York, Phila, North Carolina, Indiana
and Baltimore, presented by the Committee in Correspondence,
being read and approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them
in our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

We are informed that our dear friend Susan
Wentland has been liberated to perform a religious visit within
the limits of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland,
and if any should open for it, at some place on the Conti-
nent of Europe, and we appoint our Friends Mary C. Breed,
Betsey P. Wood, Mercy W. Hing and Hannah T. Tates to unite
with a similar committee of the men's meetings in rendering
service and attention in the case, in case may be a great necessity.

The Committee to bring forward the names of Friends
to constitute a Committee on Education have presented the
following, which being agreed, they are appointed to unite
with a committee of men friends and are encouraged to attend
to the service of promoting the educated education of our youth,
and are requested to report to this meeting next year, viz.

Elizabeth S. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Glade, Maria
McClinton, Phila. Reynolds, Mary Ann Wilson, Electa Jane
Collins, Orvas S. Babcock, Orvas B. Robinson, Susan Thave,
Eunice S. Rice, Anne M. Chase, Maria W. Lee, Catherine W.
Countington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phila. Kelly,
Elizabeth Dickinson, Susan Shepard, Maria Brown, Anna
R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phila. Glade

Sarah Barker, Sarah M. Easton, Anna C. Wood, Susan G.
Kempster, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary D. Hartman,
Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Gray, Lucy Collins, Hannah M. Thayer,
Walter Swan, Lucinda C. Beck, Esther Jones, Maria Poiré, Jane
Poiré, Anne Frost, Anna M. Hilditch, Lydia B. Frost, Rachel
B. Roberts, Harriet Jones, Rachel Jones, Hannah G. Bates,
Elizabeth C. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mary C. Stone, Cynthia
Kempster, Hannah Morrill, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beebe,
Cynthia C. Jones, Elizabeth G. Thompson, Phoebe Taylor, Sarah
Wentworth, Maria Wentworth and Sarah Maria Stewart.

Returning thanks to our dear friends who are with us
from afar. Books which have been used, approved & signed.

Extracts from the minutes of this Year's Meeting
have been read and the Clerk is directed to send forward
them with "sister's letters" & letters received from the several
Yearly Meetings to our respective Quarterly Meetings.

Under an humbling sense of the mercies and favors
conferred upon us, in this our annual assembly, in having been
permitted, from sitting to sitting to experience an evidence of
Heavenly regard - even droppings of seasons from this Sanctuary
and having been favored to transact the weighty affairs of
the Church in great unanimity and love - we reverently
commend one another unto God, and the word of His grace,
unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us
faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, domin-
ion and power, both now and forever. We affectionately
bid one another farewell; proposing to meet again at this
place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland Clerk.

Summary of answers.

1st - All our motions for religious worship and discipline have been kept up, except their observance, (on account of sickness and severity of weather,) and generally attended by most of our members - tho there appears to be a want of engagement with some, in the discharge of this important duty, especially in the attendance of those held in the middle of the week, on which account some care has been extended. We have nearly observed. Mostly clear of standing and other unbecoming behavior.

2^d - Love and unity are maintained to most friends, and those are concerned to guard against detraction, while some are not so careful in these respects as the truth requires, on which account labor has been bestowed. Where differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3^d - We believe there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt converse of the world, and to be good examples therein themselves. Yet deficiencies are apparent amongst us in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families.

4th - I cannot but observe the several parts of this query, except in some instances of attending places of public amusement, on which account some care has been taken.

5th - The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning - One instance of placing them among friends.

6th - Parents and heads of families with the governing members are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be consistent with discipline. Some decisions have occurred in these respects where care has been taken.

7th - Friends appear to be most anxious to maintain a testimony in regard to the several parts of this query.

8th - Friends are generally careful in regard to the several parts of this query.

9th - Mostly clear as to records - Some deficiencies in regard to certificates, on which account care has been extended.

10th I am thus enabled to deal with offenders in good measure, according to the voted rules, without delay, and where it has appeared necessary, judgment has been, passed according to discipline.

Extracts.

Through the renewed extension of our Heavenly Father's love, we feel bound to acknowledge that goodness and mercy are still near to overshadow and own us in this our annual assembly under the cementing influence of which, we have been enabled to transact the weighty affairs of the Church in harmony and love. — And although trials and weakness have been with many of us the prevailing covering of our spirits, yet in the lifting up of the light of His glorious countenance, we have in good measure experienced, that He in His love condescended to be unto us riches in poverty, strength in weakness and a present helper in the needful time.

The state of our Society as presented to our view in the answer to the annual is calculated to humiliate us in deep self-abasement under a sense of our unrighteousness and short coming in the right maintenance of our Christian testimonies. These testimonies are salutary and preserving in their nature, that we recently believe they will make way for the adorning of the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Not that there should be an undue dependence on the form of godliness, but when accompanied by the power, then is even the form made attractive and living! While we fully believe, dear sisters, that "the letter killeth," in the abstract, yet under our high and holy profession may we not lose sight of the impressive "weight," when adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

And in the simplicity and sweetness of the ever blessed truth, that giveth light, life and liberty under the restraint of love, may we then forth the beauty of holiness out

of which God direct.

The attendance of all our religious meetings claimed our united and joint consideration; believing now to be but one voice in the performance of this sacred service, that we stand presenting themselves in assembly and thus before the Lord.

With hearts in this important duty would strengthen the true Christian love, and the spirit of destruction would be repelled, and no stain on our hearts; the bitter fruits of which are inconsistent with the peaceable spirit of the gospel of our Redeemer.

We have had the company of dear friends from neighboring towns. Meetings, whose labors of gospel love have been strengthening and animating both to the aged and the young, giving evidence of the power of divine grace in its sufficiency, and leading us to the inexhaustible source and fountain of light and love, that in humble child like dependence all our fresh supplies may come from Him who is "the way, the truth and the life".

We have been tenderly and impressively exhorted to keep in view the nature and origin of our Christian discipline and to be more concerned in the love of Christ to exercise the restraining power of mutual love; that by watching and waiting in the spirit of prayer, we may be found more faithful as mothers, overseers and elders in the Church of Christ, and in the meekness of that wisdom which is from above and which is, "first, pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits" Christian charity may more abound amongst us, and we be found living more to the honor and glory of God, while in the enjoyment of our innumerable blessings.

Parents have been encouraged daily to assemble their families for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures; and we believe that as this duty is faithfully attended to, and a solemn pause observed after the reading of a portion of the sacred volume, the tender mercies of the Lord would often be touched and melted under the influence of heavenly love, and the solemn impressions made on these occasions would be blessed to them.

The proceedings of our beloved Friends of London Yearly Meeting relative to the sorrowful division in Ohio Yearly Meeting, have been very interesting and instructive, involving the best interests of our

Religious Society; and encourage us to great diligence, that the enemy may not prevail by his subtle temptations and insinuations. Let us come here to God that will preserve some heart of love, one to another.

An interesting and impressive memorial concerning our late beloved friend, Lydia B. Kelly has been read. The weightiness of her spirit and her humble unobtrusive work under the quietest of heart has been held forth with encouragement to that humble dedication of which our dear friend was a bright example, and that we might speak the language, "I have followed Christ."

The London printed epistle has been received and read, and we are sure that the grand gospel truths imparted through this medium, may have a lasting impression upon our minds. We would commend it to the careful perusal of our beloved friends.

The report of our Boarding School Committee and that of the Committee on Education, have also been read, affording an evidence that the religious and aided education of the youth of our Society, continues to be a subject of deep interest and solicitude. Much tender counsel and admonition have been extended to this class whose quiet solid countenances have not only endeared them to their elder sisters, but has encouraged the belief that some of them are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the Church militant. May these be encouraged by renewed dedication and humble obedience to the voice of the true Shepherd to speak by the sweet influence of example unto others who may not have yielded themselves so fully to the transforming power of divine grace.

These things have been cheering to those in advanced life, giving evidence that the Great Head of the Church is near to bless and prosper His work of truth and righteousness in our beloved Society.

Under an humbling sense of the mercies and favors conferred upon us, in this our annual assembly, in having been permitted, from sitting to sitting, to experience an evidence of heavenly regard—even the presence of our dear Lord Jesus Christ in His sanctuary, and having been favored to transact the weighty affairs of the Church in great unanimity and love—we reverently commend one another unto God, and the Lord of His grace, unto Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with

adoring by to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty,
dominion and power, both now and forever.

We affectionately bid one another "farewell," promising to meet
again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Remains on behalf of the meeting,

Susan Howland, Clerk.

"London Board of 'Uniting' Women" meets.

Dear Sisters,

The reading of your acceptable epistle has given us
fresh light at this time the value of this correspondence and
to realize that precious indeed is that Christian fellowship
which unites as one family all the living members of the Church
of Christ that fellowship which however wide we are separated
to the outward, brings us near in spirit unto God.

We have gratefully to acknowledge at this time that we have
witnessed a measure of that Heavenly covering under which have
peace and safety - great harmony and unity of feeling have been
aided - and while we are permitted at this season to rejoice
together, we feel our great weakness and unworthiness, and can
humbly adopt the language, "Not unto us, Oh! Lord, not unto
us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's
sake."

Mothers have been tenderly exhorted to give great diligence to
the training of their children - the precious lambs God hath given
them - to such better than the mourning for ability to bring them
up; who when personally is cast to look little children in his
arms and blessed them - He remaineth to be the same gracious
father and redeemer. His hand is full of blessing and he waits
in his wisdom and goodness, strengthen and qualify all those who
are coming with love unto him for help and direction to do his will.

Many of our beloved young friends are in attendance of this meeting,
in various department and the interest they have manifested in the
meeting is greatly given us the encouragement that they are under the
guiding hand for usefulness - These have been earnestly entreated
from the morning of their days, to give up their hearts wholly to serve
the Lord - leaving the vanities and the allurement of this world.

which are so calculated to draw us from the service of God, and
from our duty, to pursue unto Him to rest much and let His Spirit,
that they may find rest to their souls.

We rejoice with you, that the wicked and cruel war which
has been desolating the Western Continent for some time past, is
brought to a close, and we earnestly desire that the Lord would
His mercy be pleased to enlighten the Rulers of Nations, so to
imbue with the Spirit of Christ, which is the Spirit of peace
and love, the hearts of those in Authority both with you and us,
that they may be led clearly to see, and deeply to feel, the exceeding
sinfulness of War, and its utter inconsistency with that Spirit
of love, which breathes peace on earth and good will to man.

We have indeed ever lamented cause deeply to mourn the exis-
tence of slavery, which rests as a blight upon our beloved country
and to deplore that efforts so strong, and so persevering are being
made to extend this great evil--

We trust that made of one blood all nations of men, He that dwells
on all the face of the earth, with Him there is no distinction of color
and it is our earnest prayer that He who alone is able, with His
infinite power and mercy, be pleased to arise for the help of the
suffering and distressed; break every bond, and let the oppressed
go free.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting,
Susan Howland, Clerk.

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Friends,

We have received your acceptable epistle of 31st Mo.
1850 and with joyful anticipation we receive the news, our hearts
are raised in thanksgiving unto the Lord for the renewed extension
of His Spirit to us, and for the continuance of united and
lively epistolary intercourse with distant members of that universal
Sister Church of which Christ Jesus our risen and glorified Redeemer
is the blessed Head. That we may individually become fruitful
branches of the true and living vine bearing up and
increasing fruit there is the rest and offspring of Grace and
the great and moving War is the earnest petition of many

ments. and his heart has been renewed and quickened at this
time under the precious influence of heavenly love with which he
is surrounded, with seasons of solemn quiet and silent wait-
ing, through the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit on our
souls and instrumentally by the lively ministry of dear friends
and loved ones, who are acceptably with us. May those
who stand in this important station be so engaged to wait on
their minister that it may be exercised in the life and power, in
dependent dependence on Him who hath the Key of David - who open-
eth and no man can shut, and who shutteth and none can
open. While for those who hear, we crave a portion of that same
grace which will prepare them to receive the word spoken -
not in a critical disposition nor in that which would tend to
the exaltation of the giver unto the instrument. but in the
kindness receiving the portion designed for us by the goodness of
Him who we believe still condescends to answer and qualify for
his service those who are engaged to follow His voice and submit
to the baptisms of fire and of the Holy Ghost which can alone
prepare for this weighty engagement.

The concern expressed in your letter for the encouragement
of mothers in the faithful discharge of their arduous and respon-
sible duties has been feelingly responded to - also your desires
for the preservation of the dear youth from the many snares spread
in their path, and tender counsel has been extended to those, and
earnest prayers have arisen for them that He who is able to man-
age them from falling and finally present them in bliss
before the throne of His presence with exceeding joy.

As the state of society among us has been reviewed in answering
the queries, we have been made sensible of our many weaknesses
and deficiencies, but we believe a living concern does yet exist
among us to maintain our Christian principles and testimonies
on their original ground.

And while we are sensible of our low estate and realize the
humiliating torpor of lukewarmness and the inroads of a worldly
spirit - we are yet reminded that there is one who is able as ever He
was to cause us to arise and shake ourselves from the dust of the
earth - to give power to the faint and to them that have no might
to increase strength - Only let there be a willingness on our part

to lay hold of the offered mercy, and by an unreserved surrender
of ourselves, body soul and spirit to His service - experience the
fulfilment of the declaration - that a little one shall chase a
thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight.

We have been brought deeply to feel at this time that our
Christian testimony against Slavery is one which should be
kept in view and faithfully upheld - and as by events which
have recently occurred in our country this feeling of interest
appears like likely to deepen into one of strong excitement. We
feel that as a nation and as a religious Society, we need the
sympathy and prayers of all who love the truth - that we
may be enabled on the one hand to embrace every right opening
for labor in the righteous cause of the freedom of the oppressed,
and on the other, that all our efforts in this cause may be
based on Christian love and performed in a Christian spirit
and with a sound mind - That while our indignation may
be justly aroused on a view of the atrocities committed under
the workings of the unholy system of Slavery, we may remember
the peaceable spirit of Him who while nailed to the cross
prayed for His murderers, and has strongly enjoined upon
His followers the forgiveness of all injuries.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Society

Susan Howland, Clerk

To New York Weekly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Your lively Epistle has been received and was
truly acceptable to us, and called forth an acknowledgement
that it is indeed a favor thus to commune with our absent friends,
and we have been afresh made sensible of our Heavenly Father's
goodness which reaches to all his children however remotely sit-
uated they may be as to their outward habitations. -

Our minds have been turned in humble gratitude
to Him who raised us to be a people, and from one generation to
another blessed us as a religious Society, and who has in mercy
been felt to preside amongst us at seasons to the present time,
and we desire that we may individually enquire how far we are

to him, an eternal monument on Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages, the same as it was, to day and forever.

We have at this time a number of dear friends from other nearby churches, whose presence and exercises have been strengthening and encouraging to us in our low estate; and their good labours and bright counsel to the high have an edifying effect on every class in the family; tending to comfort the aged, vivify those in the meridian of life; and by its persuasive effect on those in the morning of their day, induce them to choose the Lord for their portion, and the God of truth for the lot of their inheritance.

Regarding then dear young friends the counsel of our elder sisters who would rejoice to see you walking in the truth the path which leads to holiness and happiness. May the number abundantly increase, of such as pursue this safe course. On those the refreshing shower of divine love will be frequently renewed, as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descends on the mountains of Zion, where the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

On entering into the state of Society, by the instrument the quaker, we are encouraged in the belief that there is a prevailing concern to labor for the removal of hateful things. Wherefore dear friends let us renew the exhortation, - Be in earnest, whatsoever ye do do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men; - knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the rewards for ye serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The evils of Slavery and the baneful effects of that system which allows man to hold his fellow man in bondage continues to claim our serious and prayerful consideration, and fervent desires that we may be found doing faithfully what our common mind led on to do. To bear an unflinching testimony against enslaving our fellow beings; and we desire that in all our movements in the cause of the oppressed we may be governed by that wisdom which is profitable to direct leaving the result with Him. Let us trust with in His own good time, we shall be able to be receptive, and let the oppressed go free.

With a salutation of love, we remain your affectionate sisters.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting.

Susan Howland. Clerk.

St. Baltimore, Easter Morning of Women's Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is under a renewed sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father, whose mercies have been abundant and increased towards us at this time, that we feel to address you.

Poor, destitute and naked as we are, without the clothing of the Holy Spirit;—we can gratefully acknowledge that the Master of Assemblies has in His wisdom condescended to be with us and to administer to our necessities— and the language of our hearts has been; "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?" and we devoutly desire to renew our covenants with Him, who is a covenant keeping God.

On reading your acceptable communication of 11th. Month last, we were afresh dipped into sympathy with you, in the loss you have sustained, by the removal of her whose signature it bears. And our hearts are raised in renewed thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, who, in His inscrutable wisdom condescends, by the powerful operations of His Holy Spirit to purify and sanctify those, whom He calls from work to work, from entrance into that City, whose walls are salvation and whose gates are praise.

The State of Society, through the answers to the Queries from our Subordinate Meetings being spread before us, much wholesome counsel and salutary advice were given forth to the tendering of many hearts. The voice of warning was affectionately addressed to such as continue to resist the Holy Spirit, or reluctantly come under its regulating influence. And all have been earnestly intreated again and again, to come to the Savior, and trust in Him who never said to the wrestling seed of Jacob; Seek ye me in vain. The dear young people have been particularly exhorted to lay down their arms at the feet of Jesus, and with the whole heart to seek for an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. O! may all, both with you and with us, consider most seriously the importance of being in earnest, while time and opportunity are afforded; to lay up treasure in Heaven; where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Moreover dear Sisters, may we be

increasingly concerned to keep the mental eye singly directed to him who has declared himself to be the Light of the world - that by his illuminating influence upon our spirits, we may clearly discover the "faint lines of the finger of truth to direct our steps."

In this time of commotion both in Church and State, we are made acutely sensible of the great danger of pleading excuses for doing in the Lord's work, while the harvest truly is plenteous and the labourers few. And may we all, by a greater dedication of heart, and a closer walk with God, be enabled through the merits of the dear Redeemer, often to approach the Throne of Grace, and while permitted to supplicate for ourselves, may not be unmindful of His children everywhere; whether in sickness, in prison, or in bonds.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Susan Howland, Clerk.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

The trust it is in a measure of that love which emanates from the Father of all our sure mercies, that we are again enabled to address you; - and in acknowledging the reception of your acceptable epistle of 9th month last the language of affectionate sympathy and encouragement has arisen in our hearts in your account, believing that as we are concerned with a living God to look to Him whose power is above every other power, and in His smile and fear to dwell low before Him, we shall be enabled to see and to know the promise verified, "they that trust in the Lord, shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed but abideth forever - as the mountains are round about Jerusalem so the Lord is round about His people from hence forth, even forevermore." -

And, dear Sisters, we much desire that both with you and within a living engagement may be increasingly realized, to know our day's work to be going on with the day, and that by submitting to the operation of Divine Grace in our hearts, through faith in a crucified and risen Saviour, we may

lay hold upon the hope set before us, which hope we have as an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast." And although we may often know seasons of drought and close pressing, both from within and from without, there is nevertheless for discouragement to the humble and true believer in Him who hath declared; "I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world." May there be a renewed concern among us all, to cease from the activity of our own imaginations, and in the abused use of self, to seek to know that life which is hid with Christ in God and to be able to adopt the language; "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Our annual assembly has been largely attended at this time, and we devoutly trust the overshadowing power of Divine goodness has more fully been felt to be near, to the humbling and contriting of our hearts, and we have been favoured in much harmony to transact the concerns which have come before us—

A lively interest has been felt and expressed on account of our dear young friends, many of whom have gathered with us, and they have been affectionately exhorted to dedicate themselves now in the morning of their day, to the service of Him who will prove an unfailing friend in their path through life, and a sure support in every needful time.

We have had the acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose exemplary dedication and labors of love, have been truly strengthening and encouraging to us.

We notice with feelings of much interest the account in regard to your establishment for improving the condition of the Shawnee Indians, and sincerely hope continued efforts may be made on behalf of this class of our fellow creations.

With the salutation of love and sympathy we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Susan Howland, Clerk.

4 North Carolina Quarterly Meeting, November 1st, 1841.
Beloved Sisters,

We trust it is in the fellowship of the Gospel which
is a work of righteousness, and sealed with the bond of peace, that
we attempt to address you, and though in much weakness and
assurance that "we know belongeth nothing but blasphemy and con-
fusion of face", yet we have a united sense that in weakness there is
strength, we affectionately greet you with the salutations of love
which is the badge of true discipleship, uniting in common
and not binding us together as members of the Militant Church,
which Christ Jesus is head - And may we dear Sisters, look
to Him as our guide, counsellor and friend in the varied offices
of the Church that we may be preserved from leaning to our own
understanding, by which we are often involved in misgivings
which leads from humble dependance on the Head of the Church
in which alone, there is safety. -

We have greatly to commemorate the goodness of Israel's
High Priest in introducing our minds at this time into a reverent
and humble waiting before Him, in which He has been pleased
afresh to anoint and qualify some of his dependant children
to minister in that ability which He is pleased to furnish for
the encouragement of those who are ready to give out by the way
in seasons of deep famine.

Our Annual gathering has been large, and we re-
verently believe has been mercifully blessed by our merciful High
Priest, permitting us at times to feel the string of Ancient goodness
to be spread over our assembly, a fresh contriving us to a more
humble dependance on Him, the Ancient of days.

Our beloved youth have been tenderly admonished and kindly
exhorted, now in the morning of their day, to choose the Lord for
their portion, and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheritance.
May this interesting portion of our beloved Society, both with you
and with us, become increasingly concerned to yield to the restraining
influence of the Cross of Christ made manifest on their hearts
that they may become as pillars and upright standards of holiness
in the Church.

The state of Society as brought to view by the answers to the
queries, has elicited from concerned friends much salutary counsel.

and while we lament the many deficiencies still existing among us,
we humbly hope our wholesome discipline will continue to be a
factor around us to rescue from the snares and temptations
to which we are exposed.

We feelingly sympathize with you beloved Sisters in your
concern for the amelioration of the degraded and down-trodden
people of color; and secretly hope the day is not far distant when
their bonds may be loosed, and they with us permitted to enjoy
the blessing of freedom, giving thanks unto the Lord in the voice
of sweet melody for their delivery from bondage and servitude.

We have the company of several beloved Friends from
neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose good services have been
strengthening and edifying - May their labors of love be treasured
in our minds, and often recalled to when we return to our respective
homes as words of encouragement that will often be revived in
our remembrance to speed us in our way to the new Jerusalem.

Your acceptable Epistle of 11th Mo. last has been received, and
we would acknowledge that this our epistolary correspondence
brings us near in spirit when far separated by sea and land.

With the salutation of love, we remain our Friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Wm. Cleveland, Clerk.

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

This our Annual Assembly has been a season of
divine favor under a sense that in us there dwelleth no good
thing; but in the spirit of availing prayer our hearts have been
raised unto Him who has condescended to verify his gracious
promise and ever sustaining His holy spirit to them that ask him.

May we, dear Sisters, know our faith increased in that single
humble dependance as little children that recommends to His
favor and protection, and will lead these to understand of His dis-
cipline, the discipline of the cross; and strengthen them from
within to stand fast under the banner of Christ and His blood
as the Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father; and the
Holy Spirit - that the increase of our commitment and grace,

...and his encouragement - The light of the body is the eye, and if the
...the which ...
...the Holy warfare - against the spirit of the world, the
...the human heart and the enemy and ...
...desired to have us that he may sift us as wheat - But
...of our Faith more precious than gold, tried in the fur
...deep affliction, may we in humble confidence and filial
...resign ourselves to his work and service, who is Alpha and
...the beginning and end.

Your acceptable ^{prayer} renewed in our hearts a feeling of gratitude
...of all our pure mercies that you had been spared
...manifestations of that Spirit which has been suffered
...sorrowfully dividing in Jacob and scattering in
...May this unspeakable mercy be an incentive to
...watchfulness; that the guide of your merits may be
...truth - Then will the enemy flee away, and
...strengthened at seasons of mercy and of judg-
...pain and glory to Him who sitteth upon
...only can give strength unto His people.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of several
...from yours and other Yearly Meetings, whose labors
...have been salutary and strengthening to our minds, and
...solicitude with Christian admonition has been
...to our dear young friends, whose solid deportment evinces
...interest in the welfare of our beloved Society, and may the
...this solemn occasion with you, who are
...renewed blessed evidence that as one is our
...in Christ; and in proportion as they resign themselves
...they will know and own each other in the fellowship
...our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We would encourage you, dear Sisters to continue your care
...fully believing as we do that they are, under
...and keeping of the unsundering Shepherd of Israel, who
...and put into the hearts of some among you to make
...for their comfort, improvement and the education of
...children, which we can but reverently crave, may be bless-
...and to them in days that are to come.

the rising sun and the bright light of that eastern star
which must bid his millions in bondage, continue to
remain in darkness and poverty, but consideration and fervent
prayer desires that he may be found doing faithful work
for his kind, and be able to bear an unflinching testimony
against injustice to our fellow men. And we desire that in
every movement on the cause of the oppressed we may be
governed by that wisdom which is profitable to direct, having
the result with Him who we trust will in His own good time
proclaim liberty to the captive, and let the oppressed go free.

With a salutation of every love, we are your affectionate
Sisters.

Respectful distinction used in behalf of the Meeting.

Yours Truly
Susan Hewland Clark.

All New England Yearly Meetings of Women Friends
met at Worcester Mass. at the request of the Boston
City friends to the 18th at 10 o'clock inclusive 1857.

By the reports received from the Quarterly Meetings it appears
that the following friends have been appointed for participating in the
Meeting, viz:-

From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Menden, Hannah C. Robinson, Sarah
Maide, Elizabeth Peckham, Julia Ann Warren, Mary A. Smith,
Anna Kentland, Sarah H. Tobey and Cynthia Brown.

From Salem - Abigail Keene, Ruth S. Charles, Elizabeth Briggs, Lydia Pope,
Mary E. Wood, Benjamin W. Rogers, Cynthia W. Huntington, and
Abigail H. Colburn.

From Norwich - Rachel S. Howland, Ruth W. Baker, Ruth Davis,
Sarah Tucker, Mary K. King, Harvina Gifford and Hannah
J. Taber.

From Waltham - Jane C. Minot, Jane Pope, Thankful Hawkes, Abigail
Cobb and Lydia W. Jones.

From Springfield - Mary Annus, Elizabeth W. Crover, Mary B. Wene,
Catherine Constock and Mary R. Hadwen.

From Weymouth - Rachel B. Nichols, Lydia P. May, Maria S. Nichols,
Martha Ann Lang and Hannah J. Jenkins.

From Worcester - Sarah B. Roberts, Mary P. Crover, Ruth Sawyer, Abigail
W. Hanson and Hannah Menden.

From Springfield - Mary J. Briggs, Abigail P. Jones, Hannah Pope, Sarah
J. Sampson, Lucy W. Coning and Cynthia F. Jones.

Those names being called they were all present except four, for whose
absence satisfactory reasons were given.

By the reports received at this time from the Quarterly Meetings, it ap-
pears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah H. Tobey and Mary A. Smith
to the station of Elders - that Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with
Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Maria C. Crover and
Elizabeth B. Boyce to the station of Elders - and that Springfield Quarterly
Meeting has united with Springfield Monthly Meeting in approving the
gift and public appearances in the Ministry of Lydia B. Crover, and in
the appointment of Thos. Andrews to the station of an Elder, and with
Woburn Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth W. Babcock

to the same station - That Olive Quarterly Meeting has united with
Dundwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Tanny to
the station of an Elder, and with Tewinck Monthly Meeting in appoint-
ing Cynthia Buffum and with Dover Monthly Meeting in appointing
Rev. Roberts and Daniel Meader to the same station - That Fairfield
Quarterly Meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the
appointment of Mary Coffin, Mary F. Burbank and Sarah Swinton
to the station of Elders - and that Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting has
united with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Fanny
Gore and Sarah W. Jenkins, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the
appointment of Peace Haulton and Hannah L. Taber to the station
of Elders.

Interesting and acceptable epistles from our beloved sisters of
London, Dublin, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Baltimore and In-
diana Yearly Meetings have been received and read, bringing our dear
friends near to us at this time, as we trust, in the love of Christ; and we
appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way may
open for it, to prepare essays of reply to their epistles, to present to a
future meeting, viz: Rhoda Howland, Sarah W. Anthony, Mary E.
Breed, Rebecca C. Hinsman, Hannah J. Taber, Elizabeth Meader, Rachel
S. Howland, Hannah G. Sawyer, Mary B. Farnum, Abby Holway, Avis
Keene, Fanny Pinkham, Sarah F. Tobey, Rachel B. Nichols, Ann Amira
Lang, Eunice B. Boyce, Mary Hackpole, Ruth B. Gifford, Cynthia Bowen
Lucy J. Hawkes, Hannah J. Jenkins, Huldah M. Bedee, Beulah W. Rogers
and Abby Holmes.

We appoint our friends Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth A. Osborn, Be-
thia D. Parker, Mary A. Smith, Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia R. May,
Ruth Sawyer and Ruth D. Sage to prepare a summary from the
answers to present to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this
Meeting and confer upon the subject of Clerks, and report this
afternoon.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet this afternoon

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader on behalf of the Representatives
reported that they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk,
and Ann B. Boyce for assistant clerk, which being united with by

Meeting they are appointed to that office for the ensuing year.

Leaving at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Priscilla Greene from East Britain, satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting held at Sumner, in County of Essex, in June the 27th & 30th Mo. 1856, the Quarterly Meeting of Essex held 4th mo. 8th 1856 and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 19th 20th & 31st of 5th month 1856 were read, expressive of the unity of those Meetings with her as a Suffered Minister, and her present religious engagement in our land.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary Nicholson who is engaged with our friend Priscilla Greene in religious service amongst us who produced satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Andover held the 17th of 6th mo. 1856, the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland held at Wylton the 28th & 6th month 1856, and from the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 11th of 8th month 1856, all expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Wood and Jonah Hole from Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Edward Osburn from Elk Monthly Meeting, Ohio, William W. Chace from Tipton Monthly Meeting, New York, Anna Thornburg from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana, and Deborah C. Hinsdale from New York Monthly Meeting, who have presented certificates from their respective Meetings, which were read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends William Crumwell who accompanies our friend Priscilla Greene and Mary Nicholson - Elizabeth Wood accompanying her husband Daniel Wood - Sarah Hole who accompanies her husband Jonah Hole - Lewis Peck companion to Edward Osburn - Solomon Macy and Delana Bond companions to Anna Thornburg - and Maria Willets, companion to Deborah C. Hinsdale, and have received and read satisfactory testimonials on their behalf from their several Meetings.

We have in attendance at this time, several other dear friends from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, whose company is truly acceptable to us.

The Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were now read

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet tomorrow.

Third day's service at our Convention.

The Love of General Episcopate & B.C. has been read, and we desire that the occasion cannot be coming, and the invitation to all to go into the refreshing things of this life, and to place our hopes and our affections upon the enduring views of this life to come, may find a place in every heart.

The Minutes with answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, with a summary prepared therefrom, have been read. On reviewing the state of society as thus presented, the Meeting has been introduced into a living concern on account of deficiencies, which are to some extent apparent amongst us. The neglect of some of our members in regard to the attendance at our religious meetings has called forth an expression of deep concern, and we have been earnestly encouraged to greater faithfulness in the performance of this important duty. Faithful and touching appeals have been made to our dear young sisters, not to neglect the assembling of themselves together before the Lord, seeking at these seasons for strength and aid to retire in spirit from the world, and to turn their thoughts unto Him, desiring to be instructed of Him, that they may experience his refreshing dew to descend upon their hearts, and be made to realise that it is indeed sweet to sit under the shadow of his holy wing.

In the answers from some of our Meetings there appears to be a deficiency in regard to the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and very earnest have been the exhortations of concerned friends, that both as families and individuals we may be engaged daily to read and reverently to ponder upon this inestimable volume, which is able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to adjournment.

Interesting Memorials from Berwick Monthly Meeting approved by (Love Quarterly Meeting concerning our late dear friends Joseph Brackett and Salome Brackett have been acceptably read.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting; and the friends now under appointment are continued for another year to unite with a similar Committee of the Men's Meeting in the care and superintendence of the school, and are requested to report to this Meeting next year.

The report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at

Providence have attended to their appointment, and report as follows:

The school has been continued during the two terms of the past year. In the summer term forty-nine males and sixty-three females and in the Winter term eighty-seven males and seventy-five females, were admitted as scholars, and attended the school, nearly all them for the full term.

The arrangement with Joseph and Estlin W. Cartland as principals mentioned in the report of the School Committee last year has been continued during the year now closed, and under it we believe the various interests of the school have been satisfactorily conducted.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the school and members deputed to visit the Institution and inspect its management in the intervals, and we believe that the character of the school has been satisfactory to Friends as it has been encouraging to us.

The assistant teachers employed, have been John F. Lowell, William P. Macomber, Pamela C. Varney, Elizabeth Arnold, and Anna McKee, in the common English branches; Franklin E. Paige in Mathematics; Joseph W. Congdon teacher of Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renant teacher of French and German; Marianna Stanton and Mary E. Potter, at different times teachers of Drawing; and instruction has been given in needle-work by Estlin W. Cartland, assisted by other teachers.

The usual branches of an English education have been taught, and instruction in the languages given, and the Committee have arranged for a course of study for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education as suggested in the report last year. Care has been continued to promote the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of the principles of our religious society.

Meetings for worship on First-Day mornings, have been continued in the school house as usual - the scholars at other times attending Friends' meetings in Providence. At most of the meetings held at the Institution, members of the Committee, and other concerned Friends have been in attendance, and they have been held to good satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by members of the school Committee, and of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education and other Friends, and they have been occasions of much interest.

The health of the scholars has generally been good, and becoming order and harmony have been well maintained both in the school and family.

The accounts of the Institution have been examined and the result may be stated as follows:

Charitable Fund.

The Trustees have last year,	\$ 126.25
received from the same,	448.75
	\$ 575.00

The same, as in last year and tuition of twelve	
Scholars, one term each,	480.
The same, as in last year at this time,	95.
	\$ 575.

General Fund.

Receipts from income of School Fund,	\$ 6,636.06
" " old account of Manufacturers Bank,	66.74
	\$ 6,702.80

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the
Principal)

Fire Insurance,	\$ 165.
Repairs of School premises,	1084.63
To Joseph Cartland on contract,	3000.
	\$ 4,249.63

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an
excess of, \$ 2453.17

Of which excess \$ 682.08 is in the Treasurer's hands, and
the balance has been applied to the payment of interest and
principal of the debts of the Institution -

Leaving the present debt, less the balance in the
Treasurer's hands, \$ 3,817.92

This debt as reported last year was, 5,922.22

It will be seen therefore that the Principal of the debt has
been lessened the past year, \$ 2,104.30.

This result encourages the expectation that the School may be maintained
usefully and the debt before long discharged.

We would propose that the Summer term should commence as at present
on Fourth Day before first Fifth Day in the fifth month and continue twenty
weeks; and that the Winter term should also commence as at present, on
Fourth Day before the first Fifth Day in the eleventh month, and continue
twenty weeks and that there should be no interruption of these terms by
any night classes during their continuance, and that the charge for board and tuition
be the same as last year \$22; \$40 per term for members of our Academy
and \$60 for members of other Academies, and when one

in both parents are members of our religious Society in the school, are sent at the charge of such members; and \$100 for any others who may be admitted. That a further occasional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished, as heretofore, at actual cost.

We refer again to certain regulations, as heretofore agreed upon by the Society Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times of the admission of scholars, &c., which accompanied the report of the School Committee last year; and we regret to find that these regulations, as respects the time of payment and punctuality in attendance at the commencement of the term of the school, are not so carefully observed as is desirable.

In conclusion, we may express our belief, that the Institution continues to be useful in promoting the objects of Friends in its establishment.
Providence, Sixth month, 2d, 1857.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

We appoint Mary E. Reed, Mary C. Smith, Sarah W. Anthony and Ruth Chace, to prepare essays of delivering minutes for our friends who are now in attendance of this meeting with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, and present them to a future sitting.

The Clerks are requested to prepare extracts from the Minutes of this meeting to present to a future sitting to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day met near the 10th hour.

A Testimony of a Late Monthly Meeting, approved by a Late Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late aged friend Estes Newhall, has been read. The memory of this beloved friend, of his dedicated life, and of his careful walk with God, is precious to us; and we have been reminded that the faith of the Christian produces the same fruits in life, and the same glorious hope in death, in all ages of the world, and the query now being feelingly brought home to us are we living in this faith - even the faith of Christ, which bringeth salvation.

Epistles of Christ to our sisters in London, North Carolina and Southern Yearly Meetings have been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign and forward them to those Meetings.

We adjourn to four o'clock this afternoon.

I have an address of considerable value, and
others in the list. The list of offerings for the poor was also given
and was completed, some were accepted, and.

There is a list of 10 Letters addressed to Friends as (Circulars) have been
sent off and the Clerk is directed to sign them in on behalf
of the Society to their Meetings respectively.

The following minute book is by Friends has been united to
and added to this Meeting, viz:

" This Yearly Meeting has been con-
cerned to encourage Friends every where within our limits to continue to
cultivate love and Christian Charity toward those who have separated
from us, that if it be the will of the great Head of the Church, that
any of these should return to us, the door may be kept open for them
to do so, in the good order of our religious Society. We are comforted in
believing that the spirit of restoring love has been cherished among us,
and we trust, that where any of the class alluded to are drawn to return
its manifested prevalence may prove encouraging and strengthening
to them."

The Committee on Education presented a report which was interesting
and satisfactory, and the same friends are continued under appointment
for a similar service for the ensuing year. The care extended to the chil-
dren of our Society as set forth in this report is encouraging to us. The
report is as follows, viz:

" To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report:

That as in former years, circulars have been addressed to correspondents
in each Monthly Meeting, calling for statistical information, and from
the answers received the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of Children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of	
4 and 16 years,	1019
" between 16 and 21 years,	450
" of Monthly Meeting Schools,	2
" " Preparative Meeting Schools,	1
" Family Schools,	4
" Children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively as such,	161 (estimated)
" Children attending mixed Schools	1136
" " these Schools taught by Friends,	54

Number of Children taught by Sisters in mixed schools,
reported as such.

7. Memos is rarely written on time's who
have been engaged in teaching, 102

Children that have attended the school
Holding Kaniwa school 49

11 Christ Day & Church taught under the care
of Friends 25

Discharge continuance of these schools, about 10 months.

No. of Children attending the same, 579

members of our religious Society, 422

Several meetings of the Committee have been held during the year which have afforded an opportunity for a full interchange of views upon the subject referred to us, and we believe that the interest felt by Friends in the cause in which we have been engaged continues unabated, and the Committee are encouraged in the persuasion from actual observation within our limits that the guarded education of our youth is an interesting object of concern to a large, and we trust, an increasing number of Friends.

Soon after the organization of the Committee, in view of the intimate connection which our Yearly Meeting Boarding School has with the important interest confided to us, and to insure the attendance of some of our number at the semi-annual examinations of that Institution, a few friends were appointed to that service who have at this time made an interesting report.

We were particularly interested in learning from this report that there is an increase in the number of those who are desirous of extending their stay at the school, and of thus availing themselves of a more liberal course of study than is otherwise attainable; and we believe that the course adopted by the School Committee (as published in the annual catalogue) and which has been entered by a number of pupils, will commend itself to general favor: while it may be fairly presumed that the standard required for obtaining the diploma of the Institution will be gradually and perhaps considerably elevated.

Things to observe the considerable decrease in the number of children
resorted as a boarding school, while at the same time, gratified
to learn that upwards of one hundred of our members have, during the past
year, been engaged in teaching within our limits.

Gladly would we be able to report an increased number of select schools.

...and in the undoubted view of all these auxiliaries, both at
present and prospectively, we regard the preservation and prosperity of
our Society, but especially as furnishing an evidence of that comprehensive
culture which we have a large number of concerned Friends continue to de-
pend on and maintain. It will be found that the
more care is given to scriptural and religious instruction at home, the more
will Friends value both the select and the First Day school. On the sub-
ject of family instruction, which has often claimed our consideration, we
would remark that from an early day Friends have regarded it as an im-
portant part of that religious and guarded education which they so carefully
inculcated. The enlarged mind of George Fox was early engaged in
the cause of education and in the establishment of schools for instructing
the young in whatsoever things are civil and useful in the creation. Thus em-
bracing a wide range and showing that we held no narrow view of the ben-
efit of that "good instruction", which, as William Penn observes, "is better
than riches." He frequently visited these schools and appeared deeply inter-
ested in their progress, but on the subject of forming training his advice often
expected may perhaps at this time be briefly revived. Very clear was his
view of the Christian duty of family instruction and exhortation, an engage-
ment we believe, not only a part of our reasonable service as Christian
Parents, but one often greatly blessed to those who are exercised therein. He
says "Let thousands train up your children in the fear of God." "Dear Friends
direct all your families at times and seasons that they may be informed in
the truth." "When you were professors only many of you did inform and in-
struct them in the form when you had not the power, and now being brought
into the truth, we should be more diligent to exhort and instruct them. Again
"It is desired that all Friends who have children, families and servants,
may train them up in the pure and unspotted religion, and in the nurture
and fear of God, and that frequently they read the Holy Scriptures, which
is much better than to be gadding abroad, and what and admonish them
that every family apart may serve and worship the Lord as well as in
public. "Next - consider, you that judge the new covenant of the spirit what
care you take you in your families, of teaching and instructing your servants
and children." "Hypocrites, angels heaven has, we find, been prolific of sad
guilt, both in individual cases, and in the experience of our Society, while
an onward course of labour in this sacred work, we believe, be attended
with the same blessing." For the Committee,

Samuel Austin, per

Newport, sixth month, 17th, 1857. "

We adjourn to four o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Night day afternoon & the morn. 18th, and next the 19th are.

The Resolutions being called over all present are unanimous to this name at the first sitting, with two or three unusual satisfactory answers.

Minutes minutes, in our case, friends who are with us from our Yearly Meetings, have been read, approved and scanned.

Extracts from the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been read, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them, with transcripts of Epistles received from the several Yearly Meetings, to our respective Quarterly Meetings.

Having attended to the various important concerns that have claimed our attention the present year, and witnessed as we humbly trust from day to day the compass of our Heavenly Father's love spread over us, under which we have been closely united together in the fellowship of the Spirit, we conclude, previous to meeting at this place, at the usual time next year, in the Lord's presence.

Sarah H. Tobey

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

Summary & Answers.

1. It appears by the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings that most of our meetings have been attended by the greater part of our members yet there have been more omitted than usual on account of sickness and unusual weather, and a want of engagement with some in the performance of this important duty, on which account some care has been taken. The room is heavily warmed. Friends are preserved from sleeping except in a few instances and some care taken. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour.
2. Our Friends are engaged to maintain love and unity, and to guard against division, care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.
3. There is a care with most Friends to bring up themselves under their discipline in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading profane books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be good examples herein themselves, yet deficiencies are apparent in many in these respects, We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families.

4. Clear, as far as appears, of the improper use of spirituous liquors.
Some deficiency in regard to standing places of amusement. (Mention is
made on the account of births, marriages, burials and other occasions).

5. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved.
Fair children visited in learning, and none are placed far from friends.

6. There is a concern among us that all proceedings with respect to mar-
riages be conformable to discipline, yet there are some cases in marrying
coming to the care of our Society, and one Quarterly Meeting states where
deviations have occurred, concerns were extended.

7. Our testimony uniformly maintained with respect to the several
parts of this query.

8. Friends are generally careful in regard to the several parts of this
query.

9. Mostly conformable as to records. Some deficiencies in regard to certificates,
and some care taken.

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders, yet, in a good degree as
guilted after - yet, not without delay in some instances; and judgment
has been placed according to discipline.

Extracts.

Having been permitted to meet together again at this time in a
yearly, refreshing capacity, and to experience from season to season as we
humily trust a measure of that Heavenly covering under which are
peace and safety, our thoughts have turned towards you our beloved
Sisters who are not privileged to be present on this interesting occasion, with
desires that you may be made in some degree partakers of the various
concerns that have come before us.

On reviewing the state of Society our minds have been affected on
account of deficiencies which to some extent exist among us. The neglect
of some of our members in regard to the attendance of our religious
meetings has called forth an expression of deep concern, and we have
been earnestly encouraged to greater faithfulness in the performance of
this important duty. Faithful and trusting appeals have been made to
us, as we are willing not to neglect the assembling of themselves together before
our Lord and at these seasons for strength and ability to live in spirit
and in word and to bear their testimony unto Him, desiring to be instructed
of Him, and by His Spirit his refreshing dew to descend upon their hearts,
and to make it evident that it is indeed sweet to sit under the shadow of
His wings.

In the answers, on some of our offerings, there appeared to be a deficiency in regard to the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and very earnest have been the exhortations of concerned Friends, that both as families and individuals we may be engaged daily to read, and reverently to ponder upon this inestimable volume which is able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

A concern has been felt at this time, on account of the younger members of our Society, some of whom are in attendance at this meeting, and mothers and those in mature life have been encouraged to cultivate towards them feelings of Christian sympathy and love, and to seek for ability rightly to approach them in the freedom of the truth, entering into the trials and difficulties that often beset their way, promoting between those of different ages such feelings of confidence and religious intercourse as might be useful to both classes, believing we should thus be enabled by the aid of the Holy Spirit (without which we can in no wise rightly labor for the spiritual benefit of others) to direct and animate one another in the journey heavenward.

We have been again and again entreated not to be found loitering at the threshold of the sanctuary, not to be satisfied with seeing others enter without striving to enter in ourselves. Time is short, it is not at our command, but is given us of God, and we know not how soon he may be pleased to withdraw it from us. May we then individually yield ourselves to our blessed Saviour, who loved us and gave himself for us, and whose gracious invitation still is, "Come into me"; and since we do know that time is indeed very precious, may we be preserved from spending it in the frivolous pastimes and amusements that abound in the world, seeking rather to flee from its deceitful vanities and enticements, and under a sense of our accountability be engaged to redeem the time because the days are evil.

The reading of pernicious publications was feelingly adverted to, not only as a waste of time, in every portion of which we are to render an account, but as a positive, practical evil to ourselves, by giving place in the mind to those notions which are calculated to divert us from substantial truth, and to produce a disinclination for that reading which would tend to give us a true wisdom of the things of time and with the Divine blessing to instruct us in the things of eternity.

Interesting testimonies from Newark Monthly Meeting appeared in Deer Park Meeting, including our late beloved friends Joseph Torrick and his wife Abigail T. Torrick, and one from Union Monthly Meeting, all read to our mutual edification, concerning a dear and pious Friend Ebenezer Green (as named and read). The memory of these beloved friends, of their

celebrated time and of the love which we feel is precious to us, and we
are now rejoicing that at the point of the Christian's journey the same
joy is in us, and the same precious hope in death, in all ages of the world
and the grace has been given us to bring home to us, are we living in this
world, in the path of Christ which is the salvation.

The Society, founded in 1856, has been a great blessing, and we desire that
it should continue to flourish, and to invite them to write to the
presiding body of the Society, and to place our hopes and our affections upon
the enduring riches of the life to come, may find a place in our hearts.

Satisfactory reports from our Training School Committee and the Com-
mittee on Education have been read. The care extended to the children of
our Society, as set forth in the reports, is encouraging to us.

The following minute proposed by Mrs. Nichols has been read and
adopted by this Meeting, viz:

"This Society Meeting has been concerned to encourage Friends who
value within our limits to continue to cultivate love and Christian Charity
towards those who have separated from us, that if it be the will of the
Great Head of the Church that any of these should return to us the way
shall be kept open for them to do so, in the good name of our Society.
We are comforted in believing that the spirit of restoring love has been cherished
among us, and we trust that where any of the class seemed to be drawn
to return, its manifested prevalence may prove encouraging and strength-
ening to them."

We have had the acceptable company of our dear friends Percilla Green
and Miss Nicholson, from England, and many others from neighbouring Yearly
Meetings, whose labors of love have been strengthening and encouraging, af-
fording an evidence that the Lord is still mindful of us.

Being attended to the various important concerns that have claimed
our attention the present year, and witnessed as we humbly trust from
day to day the canopy of our heavenly Father's love spread over us, under
which we have been closely united together in the precious word of God,
we conclude, proposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year
in the Lord's name.

Wm. F. Avery, clerk.

To London Yearly Meeting & My dear Friends.
Dear Sisters.

My dear sister, writing date 15th mo. 5th. 1850. having a revised and read at this time to the comfort and edification of many minds. We consider this communion with beloved absent friends to be a precious privilege, and desire that it may be maintained in the city and Tower on the anniversary of June, that we may continue to realize, as at the present time, that even in the midst of our unworthiness and weakness, we are still remembered for good by Him from whom all good cometh.

May the blessed unity of the Spirit be maintained in love and peace. Truest inward is the fellowship of the Spirit, living fellowship one with another through Jesus Christ the living Head of the Church from whom the whole body with joints joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body in the edifying of itself in love." May every member of this body which is the Church be brought by the sanctifying operations of the Holy Spirit into a willingness to perform its appointed office in entire subordination to His divine direction, that there be no striving for the mastery among us, but that we may be enabled to adopt the declaration of the Apostle when he said "The one witness is this the testimony in a good conscience that in simplicity and sincerity not with feigning wisdom but by the grace of God we have had our conversations in the world and conversation to you and thus beloved friends we shall witness an increase of true gifts, and be preserved in the important principle so long professed by this religious Society, even a belief in the sufficiency of that grace which hath appeared unto us men, and which if faithfully followed will bring us to set in our minds at the very foot of Jesus, waiting in childlike simplicity and dependence on the gracious words which proceed from his mouth. Thus shall we be led and guided into all truth and truth by our individual experience the inextinguishable truth of the sufferings of that Saviour who died for us, the just for the unjust, who came to deliver us not only from the penalty, but from the power of sin, and who brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Our hearts have been warmed by your expressions of sympathy with our beloved runaway friends, for whose encouragement in the right way of the Lord, many living desires have been felt, and prayers have ascended within. Verily that having the things that are within they may be strengthened to press forward, adopting the goodly resolutions of one formerly set

where as at they may as in me and now house we will serve the Lord.

Truly this is a day that calls for faithful laborers. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." May we be increased to seek ably and willingly to pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Then we consider the increased opportunities enjoyed by young friends of the present time for obtaining literary instruction, we are reminded of the importance of an entire dedication of their enlarged and improved talents to the service of the great God - And also of the responsibility attached to those to whom He has entrusted the gift, the trust, or even the one talent that they may be employed, as in the great day of account to be returned with joy and not with grief.

We feel one of the peculiar temptations of the age to be a too earnest pursuit of our worldly avocations, a too absorbing interest in the passing things of time, and we would encourage your beloved friends as mothers, wives and sisters to exert a godly influence over those around you who may be more immediately concerned in trade or business, and to combine with us whether by adopting a more simple style of living or renouncing our expensive establishments we may meet sometimes save those so near and dear to us from heavy burthens and perplexities which non-embarrass their minds, remembering the advice of an Apostle: let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

We continue to feel a deep interest in the emancipation of the slaves in the Southern portion of this widely extended country, and we trust the day is coming nearer and nearer when their bonds will be broken and when songs of rejoicing will arise from the once master and slave uniting that the heavy burthens which so long oppressed them are removed.

The company and arduous services of our beloved friends Percival Green and Henry Richardson, gospel missionaries from your land have been refreshing and encouraging to us. May they be sustained in work for us high and enabled to perfect their mission of peace and good will to the relief of their own minds, and the honor of His name who hath called them to his work and service among us and who even now fulfilling his gracious promise unto them: As long as ye shall my strength be.

We have also the very acceptable company of other dear friends from neighboring Society Meetings, whose gospel labors have been strengthening to us. With the renewed salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Affair,

Yours &c H. Foley Clerk

To Dublin Friends Meeting & Thomas Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is a great pleasure to me, with those from other Yearly Meetings, has been truly precious, as, considering the privilege of the fellowship to be enjoyed by the members of the Society, who have known something of being brought together into one another, it is most precious blood in the one great opening made for us all. And in writing to you at this time, we are giving witness to feel our entire dependence on the Great Head of the Church for strength and going to offer anything that shall tend to your edification or encouragement. Firm-wind; but we have been comforted in the remembrance that He who is all wisdom still liveth the same merciful Father and Shepherd over his flock. When we now give you this witness, we must because of the many hindering and obstructing things we know they may be surrounded, but be willing to labor in that ability which is afforded for the edification of one another in the most holy faith and confidence in His all-sufficiency, in every time of need, striving to leave those things which are behind, and press onward towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Some of our minds have been seriously affected in coming together in this our annual assembly, in beholding the vacant seats of those who have in time past stood as pillars in the Church, valiant for the testimonies of their God, but have, as we trust, now entered into everlasting rest - and an earnest breathing of soul has arisen to the Father of all our sore mercies on behalf of the middle and younger ranks, that they may know of greater individual faithfulness and watchfulness unto prayer, more simple and willing obedience to the promptings of the finger of Truth, that there may be a state of preparation experienced to receive the passing mantle of those who have passed from the Church militant to join the Church triumphant.

And we have gratefully to acknowledge the condescending goodness of the unerring Shepherd in the precious covering which has been spread over us under which much pertinent counsel has been extended to the different classes; and the importance has been urged upon us of the manifestation of tender sympathy from the elder to the younger portion of our Society by a familiar freedom in the truth to those even whose externalis would seem to place and off, but where the good seed has been sown, and is taking root - hence the need of the tender and governing care of those who may be to them as Mothers in Israel, that the precious buds may not wither and be exposed as to cause the passing off of the young ones - that the clothing

of the names and character of the "Pearl of Great Price", which is, as we call
the "Pearl", in the sight of God of great price."

Our dear sisters were most graciously encouraged to keep
their eye steadily turned toward Him, as our only pattern, not pattern in
the inward course in the path of duty, because of weaknesses and imperfections,
they may behold in those who stand in their view in the light of examples
in the Church. It is for this class everywhere, we feel so deep and lively
interest, and fervently desire they may not seek from without, for the "Pearl
of Great Price", but turn inward, giving heed to those tendering impressions
which at times move the heart calling for faithful obedience to the requi-
sitions of duty even in little things, remembering the declaration he that is
"faithful in a very little", shall be made ruler over more.

Our dear sisters, may we all endeavour to abide in our Lord, watching
unto prayer in all fervency of spirit for a renewal of faith and strength
through Him who hath loved us and given himself for us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Fannie
Freese and Mary Nicholson from England, with several dear friends from
other Quarterly Meetings, whose gospel labors have been very precious and
encouraging to us.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear sisters,

In the fellowship of the Truth we would address you, beloved
sisters, humbly desiring a qualification may be received to speak a language
that may draw forth that spirit in which we can alone edify one another and
through which an epistolary correspondence can be maintained to the edifi-
cation of the Church. We are often humbled under a sense of our inability to
do any good thing of ourselves, may you, with us, then seek for that heavenly prin-
ciple by which the temple of our hearts is brought into view, that the increasing
of the wisdom of our rightly gathered assemblies may be our experience, bringing
us into a more acquainted with ourselves which is worth meeting for,
promising for us that precious legacy of peace which our holy Father has
left us, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the
world giveth, give I unto you, which is giving of love and charity will
press an anchor in the mind, the power from the winds of instability, and

enabling us to perform our Christian and social duties in this life, so that
our end may be secured with joy.

Occasionally we have been conversing more extensively at this time, on the utility
of instructive and interesting communications received from our beloved sisters
of other ~~Christian~~ churches, of the value of ~~spiritual~~ correspondence, &c. &c. we
believe to cement the bond of union in the spirit of love, which will extend
from branch to branch, as we are individually engaged to abide in the true
vine. Our weekly meeting is large and it is encouraging to see the interest
evinced by our beloved young friends in the concerns of Society, and though
many deficiencies are presented in the answers to the Queries, which have elic-
ited many pertinent and suitable remarks from concerned Friends, we humbly
hope they may prove to some as bread cast upon the waters found after
many days, cherishing a hope there will be a succession of standard bearers
in our militant Church.

We have, at this time, the company of our beloved friends Miss Green
and Mary Richardson from England with several other friends from neighboring
Congregations whose labors in the gospel have been long acceptable and
edifying. We desire with our beloved friends that the condition of those
held in slavery may continue to have an abiding interest in our minds, that
we may be concerned to know if there is anything whereby we can promote
the amelioration of their unhappy state, and be willing to do that which
our hands may find to do in promoting their emancipation.

We humbly and gratefully acknowledge the tender mercy of our Heavenly
Father in spreading his candle of love over our gathered assembly, enabling
us to transact the important concerns that have come before us in much
unanimity. May the Peace of God continue to rest on you and us, that
we may be perpetuated in every good work, doing the will of our Lord and
Savior.

With the salutations of love we bid you farewell, and remain
your friends.

I agree by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah L. Tobey Clerk

To Bantam New Meeting Women Friends.
Dear sisters,

In attempting to reply to your acceptable epistle of 18th inst.
last, we ~~generally~~ feel our inability of ourselves to perform any great work, and
too well that we are endeavoring to seek for that qualification, which

we alone were to maintain satisfactory intercourse to the comfort and
edification one of another. Our dear sisters, may we be often engaged to
rejoice in Him, a witness of our strength, who still continues to regard
with us in a compassionate his humble dependent children, and saying "we
have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our in-
firmities, &c &c But as he ever comes, particularly the throne of grace, that we
may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Although we
have known seasons of deep and close mourning, and discouragement, from va-
rious causes may arise, it does not cast away our confidence which hath
been unwavering, increased, nor faint by reason of the dangers and difficulties
of the way, but gird ourselves anew to the heavenward journey, "pulling on
the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

We have at this time, unwearingly to wit, been permitted to experience the
encouraging power of divine Truth, to be near, and have our journey
to attend to the subjects, which have claimed our attention in heavenly and
love. Much salutary counsel has been imparted, and encouragement ex-
tended to the humble and sincere traveller. I am sure, and the dear young
Sisters have been affectionately invited, unreservedly to dedicate their hearts
to Him, who, through the devious path of life, will prove a true counsellor
and guide, and whose gracious design towards us is to do us good, and make
us happy here and hereafter.

In reviewing the state of society as presented in the answers to the Queries,
deficiencies are apparent among us, particularly in the attendance of our
religious meetings, and many exercised friends have been feelingly engaged
in encouraging to greater diligence in this very reasonable service. The at-
tention of parents has been directed to the importance of labelling their tender
offspring with them, that their minds may be early impressed with a sense
of their accountability to our Father who is in Heaven being sensible that He
is bound even in early life, to visit them with the gentle teachings of His
love - and Mothers have been exhorted to watch over their beloved
children, and seek for ability to guard them from every hurtful thing.

We have had the acceptable company of our dear friends Persida Garrison
and Ellen Anderson from England, and many others from neighboring Church
congregations, whose labours of love have been strengthening and encouraging,
affording an evidence that the Lord is still ministering to us according to
our needs.

It is our duty, as Christians, to be ready to give an account of the
faith and life which is ours, and to be able to give us an inheritance

among us here and are sanctified.

With the remembrance of love we are, your friends.

Yours &c &c &c, your obedient servant,
Sarah H. Soley Clerk

To Ohio Young Men's & Women's Friends.

Dear friends,

Remembering as we are anxious to be well informed in regard to
Christian work and action, and as we have found in the past year, in our
time we have many good sisters and to a knowledge of the scriptural
and social spirit in that year - the ending of which has caused thankfulness
to arise in many hearts, that the Lord's people have been able
to qualify their servants thus to administer the word of consolation to those who
stand in need of spiritual aid. We feel that these Society communications
tend to profit by bringing the members of the militant Church nearer and nearer
to each other in the bonds of Christian fellowship, the preciousness of which
is only experienced by those who are rightly exercised to come up boldly on
the Lord's side, counting all as loss and as dung that they may win Christ.

We have had in this our annual assembly abundant cause to commemorate
the constant remembrance and goodness of God's redeeming Shepherd,
who hath condescended to regard our low estate, and caused the candle of his
love to be spread over us. While thankfulness arises in our hearts for these
continued, but unmerited favours, we are not unmindful of the trials which
many of our beloved sisters have to endure, and especially have our minds
been drawn tenderly to sympathize with you, and desires have arisen that
you and our hands may be strengthened to be in co-workers together in
endeavouring to relieve the trials of Zion, and repair her waste places, that
we may all be united in advancing this important work, to Him, "who is
described to be: 'The Repaired - the Church, The restored & built to dwell in, and
that his inviting language may in His own due time be with 'Supper'
extended to the Church - 'Hither, hither, for thy work is come, and the vision
of the Lord is risen upon thee'. May we be steadfast and immovable, hav-
ing faith the profession of our faith without wavering, for this has ever dis-
tinguished the living members of the militant Church, in as we are with
them, and towards them with the manifold trials to which they have been
exposed.

We have had in our annual assembly abundant cause to commemorate
the trials of this Church, the work of the Church, to be spread over us

To have, & we think, been dipped into deep exercise & spirit in hearing the answers to the Queries as they have been presented by our several Quarterly Meetings, and many pertinent and applicable remarks have been made by those whose spirits have been bowed under a view of the many deficiencies therein, and the departure of many of our members from that simplicity, which formerly characterized the members of this Society, and much sympathy & feeling was expressed for that interesting class among us who occupy the important relationship of Mothers, and we would most feelingly recommend a close and increasing attention to the duties devolving upon us as Mothers, in the early education of our tender offspring, remembering that they are most important, the joy of the present and the hope of succeeding generations. We doubt not very many among us can most feelingly and earnestly adopt this language of an Apostle, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth." The necessity of these coming forward and showing themselves to be on the Lord's side, is increasingly felt, as we behold the vacant seats of standard bearers, who have been removed from ranks to rewards - fathers and mothers in Christ, who have long stood as examples to the flock, and vibrant latitudes in the cause of Truth. Alas, the consistent warfare of these through life, and their quiet and peaceful close, incite us to individual faithfulness, that we may be found following them, as they followed Christ.

With the salutation of Love, we are your friends.
Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

On the rock of the Sige of our Lord Jesus Christ, and

The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites together the various members of
its Church, wherever situated, we desire to offer to you our warmest regards at
this time.

I feel confident that a heart you has been used in this case an
much opened and united with those from other churches, that the various
are needed and would be united in a single church, and in a single
room and a commonwealth, those who love the Lord and each other,
recognize each other as brethren, members of one church and joining, a union
there is the object of the head, and desires have been raised that this joining may
grow into one case, that Zion's borders may be enlarged, and that "one and the same
the "common" a good habitation, not one of the stakes which shall be
be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken."

The love of God to man is a loving as Son to son, as pointing sin-ners, but then the other Son as an Father raised from greater heights comes in at this time and now we are so brought into union with God, in faith in His Son, that our hearts, may be filled with His love, is the accession of all unworthy objects - that His spirit may influence all our thoughts, words and actions - that we may be simple, cheerful, self-denying, even more than others, loving not the world, nor the things that are in the world, but making the will of God our rule & action - seeking above all other things to know and love Him supremely, and then the love of others is necessary, love one to another, may be more fully required among us. This was the distinguishing characteristic of our Saviour's mission: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." Let us remember that it is in the attraction, is love and love that the various things come into His fold, and keep them in it.

Fathers and those in mature life have been encouraged to a more intimate acquaintance and sympathy with the young and those just entering upon the Christian course, that the barriers too often existing between these two classes of society may be removed. Thus, those performing their duty as parents, friends may be led to open their hearts, and dissipate the clouds and difficulties which often shroud their path, and the eager while teaching the dead, afforded by this more mature experience, may peradventure find themselves, in turn, renewed and animated by the stronger faith, and warm, pure impulses of the young hearts.

We have the acceptable company of our dear friend, Miss Anna Stans and
2 Mrs. Nicholson from England, and several other friends, our number is

...their labors in the cause of truth and our welfare. Their
may, we trust, be blessed to us - and we have renewedly felt, "How benig-
nity is the way of life, and the way of truth that bringeth good tidings, that establisheth
the law".

The voice of the claims and sufferings of the oppressed Christian of
color is still in our ears - and the action of our
Saviour's but little hope of relief for them, as little prospect in our hands
from any effort of ours on their behalf, yet let us not despair while we
know that God dwells in the earth, that He is a God of judgment and
justice, and that He has promised "For the oppression of the poor, for the
sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him on high
by Jonathan his brother, I will lift up his horn." Let us then, brethren, in faith, that He will
hasten to fulfill his gracious promises, and point out to us the path of duty
in regard to them.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

Respectfully directed, and on behalf of the Meeting,

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

We are again through unmerited mercy favored to assemble
together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, to transact the necessary affairs
of the Church, and, as ability is afforded, (for we fear of ourselves we can do
nothing) to perform that worship, which is alone acceptable to Him, who is a
spirit, and who hath declared by that worship Him, must worship Him
in spirit and in truth; And we have been comforted in the belief that He
is still mindful of His Church and people.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle, with those of other Yearly Meet-
ings, has afforded a fresh evidence, that although strangers as to the outward
we are in spirit united one with another, and are favored to enjoy together
sweet fellowship and love, which ever was the badge of true discipleship, agree-
ably to the words of our blessed Saviour: "By this shall men know
that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

The time at this time in company of our beloved friends Fessiea Gurn
and Mary Nicholson, from Great Britain, and several friends from other
Yearly Meetings, whose company and sweet labors have been acceptable and
encouraging to us. The language of the inspired Prophets has afresh been
fulfilled in our assemblance: "How beautiful upon the mountains a - the

get it from that one with good will, and I believe the Lord will do much
good, that will be the salvation of our souls. You, the
old man, I believe!

Our various the state of Society our minds have been trained in ac-
count of deficiencies which to some extent exist amongst us, yet we are
compelled to believe that there are those whose spirits are kindled in the
Lord, and the great God of Heaven wishes that He would be blessed to make
us as one people in all our ways.

Our various society, at this time, has, we trust, been blessed by the great
Head of the Church, and we have been favored to transact the various con-
cerns which have come before us in much harmony and love.

Many of our dear young friends are in attendance at this time, evin-
cing a true consistent excitement the interest they feel in the affairs of
the Church. May this portion of our Society, both with you and us be en-
couraged to remember their Creator in the days of their youth, and that an
early sacrifice is well pleasing to the Lord.

The report of the Boarding School Committee was satisfactory and en-
couraging calling forth many lively expressions of thankfulness for the privi-
lege of such an institution, where our dear children may be educated,
and preserved from the temptations with which they are surrounded in the
world, and we fully believe that as we are concerned to encourage those who
are qualified, not only to impart useful knowledge, but also to cultivate in the
tender minds of the dear children principles of piety and virtue, we shall
in due time realize fruit from seed thus early sown, and there will be
those amongst us, who will by a well ordered life and conversation, give
evidence that they are qualified for usefulness in our beloved Society.

We continue to feel a warm interest for the welfare of those who are
in bondage by their fellow-men, and earnestly we are desirous that the day
may be hastened when slavery may cease throughout our favored land.

With the Salutation of love, we are, your Sisters.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah L. Tobey Clerk

The New-England Sunday Meetings. Names of friends
in the report, a letter received, by which it can be seen
in the report, to the effect of the same, in relation, 1858; -

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it
appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives
in the meetings, viz.:

From New-England - Elizabeth H. Moore, Bethia D. Smith, Mary A.
Smith, Elizabeth Chapman, Susan M. Reed, Anna How-
land, Sarah Wade, Eliza J. Jones, Mary Williams and Cornelia
Tower.

From Salem - Maria H. Moore, Mary E. Reed, Elizabeth Rice, Benjamin
H. Rogers, Hannah L. Paige, Liza C. Huntington, Mary Nichols,
and Sarah Johnson.

From Sandwich - Mary B. Farnum, Ann H. Pierce, Rachel S.
Howland, Ruth Davis, Mercy K. King, Phoebe K. Gifford,
Betsey P. Wood, Elizabeth C. King, Mary Shepherd, Mary
A. Gifford and Susan M. Anthony.

From Hallowell - Lydia H. Jones, Esther Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice
J. Rice, Lydia Winston and Eunice Day.

From Amherst - Sarah C. Earle, Anna Maria Crowley, Mary B.
King, Lucy H. Collins, Mary B. Osborne and Ann B. Earle.

From Vassalboro' - Anna E. Lunt, Chyrl Jones, Jane H. Jones, Martha
E. Pratt, Rachel B. Nichols, Susanna Jones and Hannah J. Mil-
lisk.

From Dover - Hannah M. Hall, Elizabeth Vane, Hannah E. Sawyer,
Ruth Sawyer and Comfort Neal.

From Fairfield - Olive King, Mary J. Paige, Martha B. Heathaway,
Sarah A. Simpson and Betsey Bailey, -

who are absent, except one, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons
are given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that
those of our friends who have united with the New-England Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Hannah D. Taber to the station of an Elder;
that the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with the New-England & Monthly
Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances
in the ministry of Hannah D. Taber; and that the Amherst Quarterly Me-
eting has united with the Amherst Monthly Meeting in the appointment

Anna Maria Gentry and Miranda H. Bruce to the Stationers.
Communications from our sisters at Andover, Durbin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana having all been acceptably read, giving us opportunity to feel the value of the correspondence, which has a tendency, as we believe, to strengthen the bonds of Christian friendship between us and our dear absent sisters; and we appointed the following Minutes to consider the subject, and as may may open for it, to prepare essays or replies to present to a future sitting, viz: Rachel S. Mountain, Abigail Conant, William H. Bruce, Hannah S. Davis, The-
re Gifford, Emma J. Rich, Lydia H. Smith, Gertrude H. Carter, A. C. Cline, Hannah G. Sawyer, Lucy A. Collins, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Emma B. Sage, Olive Wing, Sarah S. Tobey, Ruth H. Baker, Mercy K. King, Miriam M. Breed, Beniah H. Rogers, Elizabeth Meader, Mary B. Tarrum, Miriam Knapp, Jane C. Minott, Ann Eliza Lang, Mary W. Cline, Lydia P. Fry, Emma Day, Esther Jones, Lucy S. Hawks, Mary J. Paige, and Eliza B. Boyce.

We appointed Mary E. Bruce, Sarah H. Hathorn, Olivia C. Oliver, Hannah G. Sawyer, Dorcas A. Tucker and Hannah S. Davis, to prepare a summary from the answers, to present to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet, at the close of this Meeting, to confer upon the subject of Clerks, and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Second Day Afternoon, met near the fourth hour.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they are united in proposing the appointment of Sarah Hathorn as Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce, as assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory to the Meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friends Percilla Allen and Mary Nicholson, of Great Britain, who attended this Yearly Meeting last year, and whose certificates were then read and ministered, are acceptably with us at this time, and their certificates have been again read to our satisfaction.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends (Lucy Thompson) of Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Thomas Jay, of Back Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana; James Jordan, of Amoskott Monthly Meeting, New York; and Rebecca Vanders, of Purchase Monthly Meeting, and satisfactory certificates of unity with

and Sunday Schools.

Conclude with the story of unity, by the reading of the queries and answers, proceeding as far as the general query, is done.

Adjourn at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Life and the path there.

The answering queries and answers have been read, with a summary prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose.

Many minds have been introduced into this exercise on account of the deficiencies thus set forth, and living desires have been raised in our hearts for the joyful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies. Minds have been tenderly excited to greater diligence in the attendance of all our religious meetings, and to rest, when thus aspired, to have the mind withdrawn from the encircling things of this life; that we may be able to worship the Father in spirit and in truth; and very interesting and impressive testimonies have been borne by some of our dear mothers, of changed experience, and for years, to the comfort and encouragement they have witnessed you time to time, when they have passed through difficulties, and passed adverse hindrances on the right hand and on the left, to attend even our meetings. They have realised, at these seasons, that, as they were concerned to draw near unto God, he was graciously pleased to draw near unto them, and to strengthen and sustain them with the water and bread of life.

We have been earnestly entreated to cultivate feelings of charity and love towards each other, and benignity to win and give in a spirit of attraction; which must inevitably lead to our own peace, and to the injury of others; and in view of our faults and smallcomings, we believe the breathing of many spirits, at this time, has been - "Let a water, O Lord, open my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

The following is a summary of the answers to the queries.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held, and attended by most of our members, except a few small meetings, which some of the accounts state were omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather, yet a misapprehension among us, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings, and those for

1st. Friends are generally well. Some are present, some sleeping, except in a few instances. Mostly clear of other embarrassing behavior. Some care has been taken in regard to the above deficiencies.

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained by most Friends. Perfection not sufficiently guarded against by all. When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3d. It appears that a care rests on the minds of most Friends to bring up their inner life in silence, in speech, behavior and apparel - to restrain them from profane reading and except conversation and to be exemplary within themselves - yet there is a great departure with some from the simplicity of our profession in these respects. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. There is no appearance of the improper use of spirituous liquors. There are instances of attending places of public amusement. Moderation is observed on the account of births, marriages, and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved - their children partake of learning - none placed poor among Friends.

6th. There appears to be a care with most parents and heads of families with many of the young and unmarried, that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. There have been several instances of marrying contrary to the order thereof, in which account care has been extended.

7th. Mostly clear in the secret parts of this year.

8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and also, to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Careful as to records, except in one instance. Some deficiency in regard to certificates. Some care taken.

10th. Friends appear to be careful to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, though not so seasonably, in all cases, as would be best - and to place judgment, when it appeared necessary, in the authority or truth, according to our discipline.

The London printed epistle of last year has been acceptably read, at its time, and we desire that the sentiments therein contained, may rest abidingly upon our hearts.

11th. As to 10 o'clock to midnight meeting.

March Day Meeting - met near the fourth house.

The Friends appointed to select names for a committee to have the care and superintendence of Friends' Banding it was, for the present, unanimously proposed the following, viz.: Eunice Chittenden, Deborah Briggs, Maria C. Oliver, Meriam H. Bond, William W. Bond, Isaac H. Chittenden, Lydia R. Jones, John C. Minott, Ann W. East, Elizabeth A. Stone, Ann Elmira Tang, Lucinda Fay, Hannah E. Sawyer, Phoebe H. Moore, Lucy J. Barker, Lydia Taylor, Eliza W. Boyce, Mary B. Garrison, Anna D. Dennis, Rachel S. Montand, Mary E. Bond, Susan Montand, Mary A. Smith and Elizabeth Meade, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to that service.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - met near the fourth house.

Episodes of epistles to our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign them in our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

A report of the committee on education has been read, and is satisfactory to us; and the following friends are appointed to write with a similar committee upon Friends in giving attention to this interesting subject, and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz.: Elizabeth D. Chase, Mary L. Luman, Sarah Stone, Maria Dillington, Phoebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Ripson, Electa Jane Collins, Isaac G. Briscoe, Cecelia W. Robinson, Susan D. Thore, Eunice W. Boyce, Anne A. Chase, Mary D. Cook, Cynthia W. Huntington, Steena R. Page, Hannah Page, Phoebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shipwood, Maria Brown, Phoebe R. Safford, Maria W. Smith, Rebecca French, Phoebe Stone, Christina Macy, Sarah M. Ewell, Anne S. Wood, Susan S. Ringler, Mary W. Stone, Abigail Hoag, Mary R. Hadden, Abigail Maria Stone, Mary, Ann Collins, Hannah Stone, Mary Bean, Eunice J. Hill, Anne Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Hope, Mary Ann, Anna C. Collins, Lydia C. Fay, Hannah D. Collins, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Stone, Elizabeth S. Cook, Susan W. Merrill, Mary Collins, Cynthia Safford, Phoebe Safford, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Bond, Cynthia S. Jones, Elizabeth C. Chapman, Phoebe Taylor, Sarah Weston, Eunice Weston, and Diana J. Shepard.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint committee on education report:

There has not been unanimity of our appointment, &c. &c. &c.

importance of the young and to our Society, an interesting subject engaged us at the Monthly Meeting. The usual, little or nothing has been done since. Still the mutual confidence and interchange of sentiment in a collective capacity, except during the week of the Yearly Meeting; - yet a part of our number, at least, have endeavoured, as way has opened for it, to promote the guarded education of the youth of our Society, and to diffuse among our members a degree interest in this important work.

Answers have been received to circulars addressed to correspondents in every year thirty. At our Meetings, and from the statistical information contained therein, the following has been compiled:

Number of children on the Monthly Meetings, between the			
	ages of 4 and 10 years	- -	961
"	between 10 and 21 years	- -	487
"	of Monthly Meeting Schools	- -	2
"	of Preparative " "	- -	1
"	of Sunday Schools	- -	5
"	of Children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively		
	as such	- -	119
"	attending Nonconformist Schools		1137
"	of these Schools taught by Friends		42
"	of children taught by Friends in mixed Schools		175
"	of members of our Society who have been engaged in teaching within our limits	- -	78
"	of First Day Schools taught by Friends	- -	22
Average continuance of these Schools, about 5 months			
	Number of children attending the same	- -	654
"	" who are members of our religious Society	- -	371

It is not just to remark, with regard to the small number who are reported as in the attendance of Schools exclusively confined to our own members, that, in addition to these, a very considerable number of our youth have been placed by parents, deeply interested in their welfare, in various non-conformist, some of which are taught by Friends, and are obtaining, in fact, a guarded literary education, free, at the same time, in a measure from the injurious influences which Schools of a more pernicious character are calculated to exert.

In the account from Vassall's Monthly Meeting, we are informed

that "An Educ. Seminary," a Boarding School wholly under the care of Friends within the limits of that Meeting, is now in successful operation, under the charge of Elipha and Sarah D. Cate, as principal teachers, and that the progress of the pupils, at their examination at the close of the last term, was satisfactory to the Board of Managers. The average attendance of scholars, during the present term, has been about 90, of whom 70 were members of our Society.

While the scattered location of Friends in many parts of our Yearly Meeting, will doubtless contribute, with other causes, to prevent the association of these children in select schools, we have been very solicitous that our own members, upon whom have devolved the deeply interesting and responsible charge of providing for the training of our beloved youth, would, while commendably endeavoring to procure for them a literary education, be deeply sensible of the importance of that careful home culture which so largely contributes to the formation of character in the future man.

A judicious selection of books, of an entertaining and instructive nature, carefully adapted to the minds of youth, will, we believe, be largely instrumental in promoting these objects; and we would encourage all those who have the training of young children, to a liberal provision of suitable reading matter in the family circle.

It has been of course of regret to the Committee to observe that so small a proportion of the youth among us were in the enjoyment of the advantages to be derived from the attendance on First Day schools, and we are desirous that Friends may be stimulated to increased efforts for the establishment and maintenance of these important auxiliaries to a genuine education.

For the Committee
Signed, 6th mo. 16th, 1858. Henry T. Wood, Clerk.
Adjourned to 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

On the Day Afternoon, the 17th - we agreed to adjournment. The resolutions being called on, all present, who assented, their names at the first sitting.

An essay on an Epistle to Western Yearly Meeting was read and approved, and the Clerk was directed to sign the same and forward it to that meeting.

Our beloved friend, Deborah W. Kinross, is in attendance of this

sitting at the Home Meeting, and has presented a certificate from
that body, bearing date of the 14th of the month 1858, expressing
their cordial approval of the same, and their willingness to con-
pany and religious services have been acceptable to us, and this also is
done in a manner which is entirely satisfactory.

Our friend, John A. Hilditch, is also in attendance at this sit-
ting, as a companion to our friend (William A. Hilditch) with a minute
concordance for the Year Monthly Meeting, held in the year 1858. It is
in receipt of the 1858. It is a company is acceptable to us, and the clerk is
directed to furnish us with a copy of this minute.

Remaining certificates, in our beloved friends, Misses Dear and
Miss Hilditch, have been read, approved and signed.

The clerk is directed to cause to be printed the minutes of this mee-
ting, together with the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, and
forward them to our annual meetings.

We have ever feared, during the ^{sittings} of this Meeting, to witness
our friends to be so, the presence of that love which unites, and
in a manner, as we humbly trust, our heavenly Father to be near us,
with hearts joined in thanksgiving for the mercies received, we now
conclude, promising to meet at this place, at the usual time, next year,
in the Lord's presence.

Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We are united through the preserving care of
our heavenly Father to gather in our annual assembly, and while en-
joying the sweet and strengthening influence of mutual love and sympathy,
we have been led gratefully to acknowledge the merciful kindness of the
Good Lord of the Church, who would gently draw us nearer and nearer
to himself, and whose Banner over us is love.

Our affectionate and truly acceptable epistle of last year has been
read at this time, and also that of 5th month last, which were indeed
refreshing and comforting to us. Most cordially do we respond to the
words expressed to us, that the day may be hastened when all wars
shall cease, and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,

as the latter is the case, the first step is to get the
resisting one, a full day of labor with the same, to show
to him the justice of it, to get him to give up his
own plan, and the day, which is yet to be, a full day of
labor, as much as possible, as full as possible, as
it is more than any time to get the work done, which is to be done
with the example and purpose of an African Slave, that they may be
not to say, as an African Slave, for protection in the same charge, as
in the redress of wrongs, but rather upon those spiritual weapons al-
luded to by an apostle, which can make us more than conquerors
through him that loved us.

The system of oppression which continues to be tolerated within our
borders, and the late attempt on the part of our Government to convert it
into our territory, with out right upon the spirit, and property
of our people, as well as with those of our own citizens upon the sea, but
the one who is pity on the Egyptian bondman, may in his own good
time, with saying "I have surely seen the affliction of my people," and
have heard their cry by reason of their task-masters; for I know their
sorrow: and I am come down to deliver them.

The British system to which you allude has been permitted to sweep
generally over our land. Many have seen their earthly treasures carried
away. But while called to endure the trials of adversity, we must have
been our desires that we may be preserved from mourning, fasting,
with an eye of faith to Him, who, although, at times, moving in a mys-
terious way, has ever a glorious end to accomplish. In weakness may we
endeavour to fight, from a higher strength with the help of instruction, and be
permitted to adopt the language of our Father: "Give us rather grace,
not riches; give me with food contentment for me: that I do not, and deny
thee, and say, Who is the Lord?"

Our dear friends, Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson are again
accepted with us, and we welcome it as a cause of thanksgiving, to the
Proprietors, whose gift we had with the purchase of the vessel,
we mean by the restraining love of Christ to labor in this portion of
the Lord's heritage.

The various sittings of this Association have proved a most season-
able, in which we have got the thing of our own, graciously
extended over us; and the various affairs of the Church have
been conducted in much harmony and Christian concord.

Ministry does not, beloved sisters, but our visiting con-
sistence which has so kindly laid its own distaff to the spirit
of truth, and continues under the same blessed union, exhorta-
tion, and mutual edification and comfort; and that although dis-
tance may forbid many of us from meeting personally for the purpose
of mutual edification, by following the same rule and drinking at
the same pure fountain of living water, we may at last be all united
where no earthly barriers may intervene, where faith will be
changed to sight, and prayer to praise.

With the salutation of love, we bid you an affectionate
farewell in the Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear sisters,

Your acceptable epistle of 4th Month last has been
sent among us at this time; and we have gratefully to acknowledge
that swimming as we are of the least of the Lord's mercies, we have
been made to partake together of a portion of heavenly bread, and have
triumphed, in some measure, the love of God shed abroad in our hearts,
wherein we are made to rejoice in Christ Jesus - Putting no confidence
in the flesh, but recognizing the union and fellowship of believers, tried
them, who continues to be the head of his own Church, and who is
able now, as he was of old, to lead through the Red Sea, and through
the wilderness, through judgment into victory over all our spiritual en-
emies, until the Church militant on earth, becomes the Church triumphant
in heaven - The Church redeemed by a precious blood, gathered through
the love of God in Christ Jesus, out of every nation, kindred, tongue and
people - the members already having known the regenerating, baptizing
work of the Holy Spirit, and rejoicing together in Him who
both loved them and brought them out of darkness into His mar-
vellous light.

Very earnest are our desires, beloved friends, for all the Lord's visited
Churches that they may be enabled to bow in the day of the Lord's power,
and (as the apostle says) under His mighty hand, have a witness that is not
shaken - that they may be enabled to stand in the day of the Lord's power,
and that they may be enabled to stand in the day of the Lord's power,
and that they may be enabled to stand in the day of the Lord's power.

the various gifts and graces which are bestowed upon them, and which
will not only supply any deficiencies and lead to ceaseless prayer,
but will enable us to go on even unto prayer and renewed dedication
entirely sincere spirit, which is the Lord's, and which will be
granted us, and which will be the reward. And we believe that you will
have our thoughts and our inliving desires that they may, by the bap-
tism of the Holy Spirit, be brought into a living and
true and living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in this present age, and
that this in the end of all temporal things, which will so soon and so
easily come, they may find in them a crown of glory which
fades not away. And although, as to the outward, the prospect some-
times looks dark and discouraging, yet, may our faith be renewed in
Him, who is able to bring forth the judges as at the first, and consistent
as at the beginning, and that even from what may be looked upon as
the stones of the altar, there may be raised up children unto Abraham.

Truly, we have reason to believe, beloved sisters, that the purpose
for which this religious Society was raised up is not yet fully accom-
plished, and that there is still a work to be done in the earth by this
people, if we are but faithful unto Him who hath called us, and who
will appoint unto us individually our respective portions of service.
Should we be engaged to labour in this assigned field, be it large or
small, content, in His love and in His fear, and with a single eye
to His glory—that, whether occupying the one talent, or the five, we
may so occupy as to receive from our Lord the blessed answer of "well
done good and faithful servant."

We have again been privileged with the company of our beloved
sisters P. Green and M. Thompson for Great Britain, and in the
prospect that they may not again be associated with us in a Society
of this capacity, we feel to express our very tender love for them and
our best wishes unto Him who will bless the fruit of His mercies and His
word. Their sound gospel ministry, consistent spirit in every word
and work will long be remembered among us.

Our testimony is against you, and slanders have been brought into ser-
vice at this time, which cannot claim that our members, or we ourselves,
may faithfully maintain them on Christian ground, even if brought into
suffering thereby, and that without in any way giving them cause even in the
suffering, from the love of military war and martial glory, or capti-
vity and enslaving to the youthful mind, striving carefully to imbrue them

with the spirit of that Gospel, which we are to read in the true
only anthem "Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace
and good will toward men."

With the salutation, believe me, your affectionate friend.

Signed by direction, and in tender love & thank you,

Sarah F. T. Clark

Wells. Ten Year - Daily, evening at home - Friends:

Dear friends,

The love of the Spirit of God Jesus Christ, and
the power of the Spirit of God Jesus Christ, be members of this
Church, we are directed, we are your own hearts to be at this time.
We have been reading the whole of this epistolary correspondence, and
the reading of your acceptable epistle together with those from other
dear friends, has been a great and a joyful one to us, causing
us to believe that the Lord will be with us in this year, and
we are very, very happy, and for it is to see the change of the
discipline, "the new to be true."

When our annual assembly has been held, and we have been en-
couraged in our day, we are very much encouraged in our
young friends, many of whom are in other denominations. They
they have been with you and us, because they are inspired with a sense
of the infinite love and mercy of our Heavenly Father towards His
children, and be led through the moving influence of His love, very near
to Him; giving their hearts to the Father whom He has sent to re-
deem them and crossing him for their salvation. Their settled and grounded
faith in the life, is a firm religious belief, they would be saved from
future sorrow, and be able to stand a trial, and be able to
guide and succor them in all the temptations and trials of their future
life.

With our young friends, we are very much encouraged in you and be-
lieve in the power of the Spirit of God Jesus Christ. Be not discouraged by the cold-
ness of the world, and the hardness of the hearts of the world. The world
is not what it is, and we are not what we are, but the Lord who looks into the
heart, will see there the real desire to love Him, and serve Him, and
keep His commandments, "continuing (as the Apostle advises) instant in pray-
er, and in the power of His word will mightily strengthen our weak-
ness, and guard us in the moving influence of His grace. Many

in the evening, and the duty is to read & write. The reports
and duties in this way are as follows: I think, however, the
most interesting to the officers of the Society. We have seen a
man, and not only to the officers, but to the members, and
to the public, that we should watch unto prayer, and has given
us the blessed assurance that if we ask in His name, we shall receive that
which may be said.

The receipt of individual faithful reports has been a most interesting
and important work in our midst. The receipt of the Lord's Spirit, which is the
will be done, and by Him. It is only our own salvation depends upon
it, but a responsibility rests upon us in regard to those within the circle
of our influence. Our children, our households, the social circle in which
we move, are all included in this influence, and the duty of every
Christian is to be earnestly engaged in watching over this home and
community, that they may in no way hinder any good impression, and
be able to assure that in the social circle, even one, whose desire is,
when all things, to be found serving the Lord, who is an influence, which
one may hardly, perhaps, little estimate. On this day a increased and
increasing interest in "the things that pertain to salvation," let not
the members of our beloved society be found wanting in our allotted
portion of duty, but be concerned to put on their armor in an endeavor to stir
up the gift of God which is in us.

Others have been tenderly admonished to fit feelings in their children
and in their children - carefully to avoid everything like imitation or
bondage when reproach is found necessary, but in the gentle spirit of love,
by example and by precept, endeavor to bring them to the feet of Jesus,
there to be taught of Him. They have been affectionately cautioned a-
gainst the inclination to their natural and susceptible minds, of any-
thing like the one spirit, which by violations of sacred in peace or
poetry, of the character, which are particularly fascinating to the
in the way of game and other amusements, many of which have this ten-
dency, and earnestly exhorted to endeavor to bring them up in the
spirit of that Gospel which was proclaimed by angels to bring peace
to the good will to men, that they may be prepared to give
a more and more true testimony to the Lord in His name
for it that it be said.

We rejoice that you will believe in the cause of the
oppressed and oppressed. Things, I repeat, the children of the

and we are united with you in desires that our prayers for them may often be answered. We are, however, and but too often, inclined to veil his face for a season, our faith in his infinite goodness and wisdom may not waver, since He has declared it to be His righteous will that the many blind should be blinded, the deafened, the dumb, and the lame.

We have had the acceptable company of our dear friends Misses Anna and Mary Nicholas from England, and yet the dear visit has been a most precious blessing, whose gospel labors have been a strengthening to us, and we desire that the God of all consolation, in whose name they come, will bless them with the reward of that peace which passeth all understanding.

With the salutation of Christian love, we are your Sisters.

Yours in affection and on behalf of the Meeting,

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We have received your acceptable Epistle of 10th mo. last and, under a swelling sense of our indebtedness, to you, and your good work, we desire with you, recently to look as help to them who give the power to the saint and to those that have wrought "he increaseth strength". And dear Sisters, how consoling is the assurance, that in every season of discouragement, and under all our conflicts and trials, we have an ever present Advocate, and an unfailling Friend, who is bound with the griefs of our infirmities, and who gave his life as the price of our redemption, and who will be our ransom. Let us then be strong in the faith, believing in, and coming to the light, and suffer ourselves to be brought to the balance of the Sanctuary, humbly confiding in Him, so as, as we are faithful to Him, can shield us from pain within and without, even though the billows may pass over us and wave upon wave.

We have at this time the acceptable company of Misses Anna and Mary Nicholas from England, and some dear friends from the Yearly Meeting, whose company and gospel labors have been an encouragement and blessing to us. The subject which have claimed our attention have been conducted in much harmony and love, and we

We rejoice that the condition of the Canadian race still claims your attention; and see the blessing of Him, who "hath made of ^{all} one blood, all nations of men, for to dwell on the face of the earth," rest

upon your labors for the advancement of that happy injured people.
We have at the time, the company of our dear friends William
Dunn and Mary Anderson, and together with several from other churches
& meetings, some gospel labors are now being accepted and the
evening to rest.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.
Signed by direction, and in behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah H. Tobey Clark

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear sisters,

Under a sacred sense of the commission given to us
as a church, and in full permission of, we humbly trust, to feel
the powerful and solemnizing influence of His life giving power through
the sacred writings of this blessed Meeting, the language of the Holy
Spirit: "How excellent is thy loving kindness O Lord" has been thought to be
our theme, and made us the giver of every good and every perfect gift.
We are glad to receive from our dear friends, and at the same time,
we daily wait for that wisdom which alone can enable us to know and to do His
will as faithful stewards of His manifold grace.

Our hearts have been cheered and encouraged by the company and services of a
great number of our dear friends, many of whom are now converted to the Lord, and they have
been enabled in the great glow of gospel love to join their praises and to sing
"We will take up the cross and follow on to know the Lord, that they may be as a
city that is set on a hill, and as a light in the world. O how lovely is the
peace and sweet happiness of this" inducing to turn of a new heart with you and
to be as a new creature that they may with us say "and they are all one" and
"we go to the Father and unto the Son in His name Amen" that the Father
will give you all whatsoever you desire in His name. And make these words
coming to you after a double trial and night of sorrow and a great affliction as though
there were a great trial of the language, "I have not the flesh, for it is not the Father's
good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Our acceptable Epistles will show you other things that we have
to do in the same spirit and in the same way, concerning the things that we have
received from the Father in His name. We are glad to see that you are keeping the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace, that we may have communications with one another
in the same spirit, and we expect that we will have in the future though we may have
your inability to do good and to communicate.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

We have I trust & possess the knowledge that we are not a fallen people.
Many are the evidences of a Saviour's love, notwithstanding our deviations and
failings. His bleeding side is open, patience and love. May the beloved
word be answered to each of us "your invitation" come x x Come ye me: ye
have been invited in kind. "and thus we beseech to persuade you this as good
as certain" "Come therefore and rest unto your souls." Then in mine, see initial you
the exceedingly great value of the price immortal; in comparison with which can't

All New-England Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held
at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournment, from the 12th of the
6th month to the 16th of the same, inclusive, 1859; -

By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears
that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this
Meeting, viz.:

- From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Meador, Sarah Lawton, Phoebe C. Reynolds,
Huldah M. Bodde, Ruth W. Buffinton, Cynthia Bowen,
Elizabeth Peckham, Sarah Wade, Ruth Anthony and Ruth W. Gifford.
- " Salem - Avis Keene, Mary Nichols, Cynthia W. Huntington, Elizabeth
Paige, Ruth E. Thordike, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Olivia C. Oliver,
Hannah Paige, Seria Nelson and Eliza B. Boyce.
- " Sandwich - Lydia Congdon, Ann H. Dunbar, Phoebe K. Gifford,
Rhoda T. Gifford, Ruth W. Baker, Maria Brown, Mercy K.
Wing and Mary E. Macomber.
- " Falmouth - Abigail S. Goodard, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot,
Jane Pope and Patience B. Winslow.
- " Smithfield - Ann K. Colton, Lucy E. Payson, Mary A. Randall,
Joanna W. Garver, Ann B. Earle and Mercy Ann Wing.
- " Vassalboro' - Maria S. Nichols, Lydia P. Fry, Mary C. Foster,
Rachel B. Nichols, Sarah Ellen Jones and Lucy E. Whitehouse.
- " Dover - Cynthia Buffum, Sarah B. Roberts, Abigail M. Hanson,
Mary Jane Kelsey, Mary Hoag and Hannah W. Meader.
- " Fairfield - Hannah Pope, Patience D. Swan, Lucy J. Hawks,
Betsey J. Bailey, Lydia Shepard and Sarah D. Sampson.

Who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting has united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the ap-
pointment of Lydia B. Mitchell to the station of an Elder, and with Sand-
wich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abby W. Holway and Betsey
Akin to the same station. That Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has united
with Bolton Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the
ministry of Lucy M. Collins and Lydia B. Dow, That Vassalboro's Quarterly
Meeting has united with Quina Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Mary C. Jones to the station of an Elder, and that Dover Quarterly Meeting
has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Walter
Dana to the same station.

Interesting epistles from our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, South Carolina, Ohio and Indiana have been received and read these salutations have brought our dear friends, of these Meetings very near to us as we trust in the fresh flourings of Gospel love; and we appoint the following friends to consider the subject, and as way may open for it, to prepare essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: Mercy K. Wing, Lydia Congdon, Vickie K. Gifford, Christina Macy, Rachel B. Herold, Eunice W. Boyce, Eliza Jonas, Letitia W. Whitland, Cynthia Brown, Elizabeth Meader, Mary E. Wood, Rebecca W. Hinsman, Anna S. Wood, Rhoda Whitland, Mary A. Smith, Ruth W. Baker, Maria C. Wice, Sarah A. Tobey, Lucy J. Hawkes, Deborah Wing, Dorcas H. Tucker, Avis Keene, Mary W. Tammam, Hannah M. Meader, Elizabeth Price, Sarah Ellen Jones, Wendell W. Rogers, Ann R. Dunbar, Hannah E. Surgey, Ann B. Gable, Sarah Shade, Hannah Monell and Sarah Sampson.

We appoint Elizabeth A. Osborn, Hannah Monell, Wesley P. Wood, Mary A. Smith, Ruth W. Gifford, Rachel B. Meader and Mercy K. Wing to prepare a summary of the answers to present to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the close of this meeting to confer upon the subject of Clerks and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Second day afternoon met near the 4th hour.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Sarah A. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for assistant Clerk, which being acceptable to the Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Robert Lindsey of Great Britain; - satisfactory certificates from Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Bradford, in the County of York, England the 6th of 3d month, 1857, the Quarterly Meeting of York held at Leeds on the 25th and 26th of 3d month 1857, and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, on the 18th, 19th and 30th of the 5th month 1857, were read expressive of the unity of those Meetings with him as a Gospel Minister and his present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Sarah Lindsey, who accompanies her husband in religious service amongst us, who has produced satisfactory certificates from Brighouse Monthly Meeting held at Leeds the 19th of 6th month 1857, the Quarterly Meeting of York held 24th of 6th month 1857, and from the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London,

the 13th of the 7th month 1857, all expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Thomas Thrazier from Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa, Joel Bear from Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa, and Mary T. Meader from Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, who have presented certificates from their respective Meetings, which have been read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagement.

Our beloved friend John H. Bond, who accompanies our friend Thomas Thrazier, is also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Poplar Bluff Monthly Meeting of Friends, Indiana.

We have united with men Friends in adopting the following minute, viz. This Meeting being informed by the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders that a Minister, belonging to this Meeting, has a concern to pay a religious visit in a remote part of the Country, the State of California, and that he is desirous of laying this concern before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in order that so important an engagement may receive the most careful and weighty deliberation of the Church, this Meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders to receive any communication in relation to his concern which the friend may see fit to make, and to act officially therein, in the same manner provided for by Discipline "when the concern extends to Europe or beyond sea."

The minutes of last year have been read.

We adjourn to the time men Friends may meet tomorrow morning.

Third day morning, met near the 10th hour.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society by reading the Queries and the answers received from the several Quarterly Meetings.

The deficiencies that are recorded in the answers to the queries from the several Quarterly Meetings, have, as in former years, called forth the expression of deep concern, and much tender counsel has been extended. We have been afresh reminded of the necessity of attending our religious meetings, that it is our great and solemn duty to present ourselves before the Lord. To make not the assembling of ourselves together, was the exhortation, if an opposite of the blessed Redeemer, and also that we should present ourselves as living sacrifices before Him, which is our reasonable service. If things have their proper place, last things will be most prominent with us, and we shall be concerned to render unto God that worship which is his due;

and though discouragements may arise, still, as our hearts are given up to serve Him, who created us for his own glory, we shall feel it a blessed privilege to retire from the engrossing scenes of life, and, shutting out, as far as possible, the world and its many cares, wait in retirement of spirit before the Lord. As this is our concern, we believe that He will condescend to be very near to us, enriching our hearts with his love and peace.

The importance of love and unity, and the cultivation of that charity which thinketh no evil, but suffereth long and is kind was sweetly brought to view, and we were encouraged to cherish these feelings towards one another, to love in that love which God hath shed abroad in our hearts through Christ Jesus, in which love nothing is able to separate us from Him.

A concern has been expressed at this time, as the deficiencies in the answers to some of the queries have been spread before us, that so little mention was made of "care having been taken"; and those holding the responsible and important appointment of overseers, have been earnestly advised faithfully to labor, in a spirit of love and in the meekness of wisdom, to convince the judgment of our members individually, of the necessity of their coming up in practice to our Christian principles and profession, that the precious testimonies which the truth has given to bear, may be maintained.

Mothers have been tenderly exhorted early to instill into the minds of their children, the first principles of religion; to seek to bring them to the Saviour; and in order to do this, we must enter into a close examination of ourselves, and strive, first of all, to have our hearts right in His sight, that as we can of ourselves do nothing, we may awfully ask help of Him. It is a great responsibility rightly to train these precious lambs whom God has given us, and to fit them, with His blessing, for this life, and for the life which is to come. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good;" and though we may not see the answer which we would desire yet we have the evidence that our heavenly Father is a God hearing prayer, and that he will in his own time bless, if we faint not.

Mothers have been advised to pass a little time with their beloved children when they are about to retire to rest for the night; encouraging them to a review of the occurrences of the day, and interceding for His assistance and His blessing for the time to come, who alone can preserve us, both when we wake and when we sleep.

The subject of frequenting places of public amusement, has been feelingly

advised to, and a fear has been expressed that some were in the practice of attending these places, who might feel that they had not time to attend our religious meetings; and we have been admonished not to waste the precious moments, which are ever in the wing, in vain and trifling amusements.

Parents and those having young persons under their care, have been exhorted to restrain them as much as possible, from unprofitable reading, which is so abundant in the present day, and which has a tendency to draw the mind from the enjoyment of substantial truths, and to accustom them to the frequent and diligent reading of the sacred writings, which, through divine goodness, are given us for our instruction in righteousness; "That we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz:

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by the greater part of our members, (except 15 omitted mostly on account of sickness and inclement weather, and one small meeting omitted a few times and no reason given,) yet a want of engagement is apparent with some, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings, on which account some care has been extended. The hymn is generally observed. Mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour.

2^{dly}. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by the most of our members, and detraction generally guarded against; we know of no differences except in one Meeting, where some care has been taken.

3^{dly}. We believe there is a care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be good examples herein themselves, yet deficiencies exist amongst us in these respects. We trust the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4^{thly}. Careful to support our testimonies in the several parts of this query, except a few instances of attending places of public resort.

5^{thly}. Care is taken to relieve the necessities of the poor. Friends children undertake of learning, and none are placed from among Friends that we know of.

6^{thly}. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet several instances have occurred of marrying contrary to the order of our Society. Some care taken.

7^{thly}. Our testimonies are generally maintained in regard to the several parts of this query.

8^{thly}. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle

their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9thly. Care as to records except in one meeting. Some deficiency with regard to certificates. Some care taken.

10thly. We think Friends have endeavored to deal with offenders as required, and to place judgment, when necessary, in the authority of truth according to discipline. One account states there is some remissness in regard to timely dealing.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon, met near the 4th house.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given their attention to the duties of their appointment.

In the summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and seven scholars, of whom fifty-nine were males, and forty-eight were females, and for the winter term, one hundred and fifty-one, of whom, eighty-three were males, and sixty-eight were females. All of these, except in a few cases of leaving on account of ill health and other causes, have been in attendance through the terms. So that with these few exceptions, instruction has been furnished in the School, equal to one term each, to two hundred and fifty-eight scholars.

This instruction we believe to have been efficient in the several branches taught and imparted in a manner, acceptable to the scholars and satisfactory to the Committee.

The deportment of the Pupils generally, we are thankful in being able to say, has been orderly, and their attention to, and improvement in their studies, commendable.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the School house, on First Day mornings. They have been attended, with two exceptions, by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and they have generally drawn seasons of much interest and solemnity.

Instruction for the purpose of giving to the scholars a knowledge of the invariable contents of the Holy Scriptures, have formed part of the regular exercises of the school, and a concern has been manifested, that the tender minds of the children, should be nurtured in that way which will best secure their future, in a course of virtue and uprightness, consistently with the professions of Friends. Harmony has been preserved in the family, and a kindly feeling

and a desire to promote the best interests of the school have prevailed.

We must thank during the year, the valuable services of Joseph C. Cushman, and his wife, Estaline W. Cushman, who have acceptably filled the stations of Principals of the school, since the arrangement made with them, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

They were assisted by John F. Russell, Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Chace, as teacher of Mathematics; by D. Dana Cullen, as teacher of Greek and Latin; by Alphonse Monand, as teacher of French and German. Mary E. Potter has been teacher of Drawing, and Caroline H. Pinkham of Needlework, and Samuel J. Satterthwaite as teacher of the English branches was employed in addition in the winter term.

At the close of the summer term, two female scholars, having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

A valuable addition has been made to the convenience and advantages of the school, in the erection, on the grounds on the western side of the school house, of a building for the purpose of exercise; and by the liberality of the officers and scholars in the west wing, this building has been furnished with a valuable apparatus for such exercise, calculated to develop and strengthen the bodily powers and to promote health; and this building and apparatus, have been gladly occupied by the male scholars to their evident advantage; similar provision having heretofore been made for the girls school, and which has been much improved during the last year.

A very desirable addition to the library at the school has also been made consisting of nearly five hundred volumes of works of standard value, and of more recent publication than was before there; - thus adding much to the interest of the collection, without cost to the Institution.

The financial results of the year, by an examination of the accounts, which were found to be well vouched and correct, may be stated as follows, viz:

Charitable Fund.

Receipts from the income of the Fund	\$ 257 50
(Due the treasurer at this time	<u>97 50</u>
Charges on the Fund.	\$ 355
(Due the treasurer last year)	\$ 75
Payment for board and tuition of seven scholars, one term each	<u>280</u>
	\$ 355

The income of this fund the present year, is not expected to exceed that of the last, so that after the present indebtedness of the fund to the trustees is deducted, there will remain \$160, and this is chargeable with the board and tuition of one scholar admitted for the present summer term, leaving \$120 for appropriation the ensuing year.

General Account.

Receipts from income of the School Fund	\$5,892 84
Payments, -	
Fire insurance, premium	\$105
Interest	183 07
Repairs and additions on school premises, including some payments for former years and balance due principal	\$2,795 95
Which has been in part provided for by private subscription to the amount of	365 2430 95
To Joseph Cartland, on contract	3000
	\$5,779.02
Leaving a surplus of	113 82

Which applied to the indebtedness reported last year, at \$2,285 69, leaves the present indebtedness \$2,171 87.

We propose that the terms of the school, commence and continue as last year, and that the charge remain the same, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and (where) one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. That \$5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

The regulations, respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., which have been transmitted to the subordinate meetings heretofore, we again append to this report; and we desire that the attention of our several Monthly Meetings may be particularly called to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in the year 1855, which was made after much deliberation, and is as follows, viz:

That our Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective Meetings; and to such as said committees shall approve, to give certificates; which certificates shall be required by the School Committee,

in order for admission.

It is very desirable that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting should be strictly complied with, as we believe the best interests of the school require such compliance.

In conclusion, we commend the Institution to the continued care and concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.
Sturbridge, 5th month, 10th, 1859. Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

And we appoint the following friends to propose names for a committee to unite with one appointed by new Friends in having a care of the school for the ensuing year, viz: Anna T. Dennis, Sarah Stade, Deborah W. Rogers, Avis Reed, Betsey Wood, Lydia Congdon, Lydia W. Jones, Jane Pope, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Mary Harrison, Ann Jones, Rachel W. Nichols, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah S. Sawyer, Lucy J. Hawkes and Sarah E. Sampson.

The London printed epistle for 1858, has been read at this time, and we trust, it has been to our edification and instruction.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day Morning met near the 10th hour.

The friends appointed to propose names for a School committee, presented the following, viz: Elizabeth Meader, Lydia Congdon, Sarah T. Tobey, Ann Elmira Long, Eliza S. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia W. Jones, Lucas T. Tucker, Rachel A. Woodard, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.

Lively and interesting memorials from South Kingston Monthly Meeting, approved by Abner Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friends Mary A. Robinson and Mary A. Collins have been read to our satisfaction.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon, met near the fourth hour.

A lively and interesting memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Hannah T. Taber, and one from China Monthly Meeting, approved by Topsham Quarterly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Rachel W. Jones, have been read. These testimonials, with those which were read the last sitting concerning dear aged Friends who have long been as members in Israel, have brought their memories sweetly before us, and we desire that their dedicated lives and Christian example may be remembered with profit by us. We are making this record of those who are called from us to scenes we deeply feel the loss the Church has sustained, and

we are forcibly impressed with the solemn truth, that life is passing rapidly away; that, in a short time, and He alone, in whom is all knowledge, knoweth how short, - we too, who are here to day, shall be removed from these changing scenes, to enter upon the realities of an eternal world. May we then, individually, be afresh incited by the example of these devoted servants, to seek to follow them, as they followed Christ.

The report of the committee on Education has been acceptably read, and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting,

The committee on education report that, from the answers received to circulars forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, the following statistical information has been compiled, which is believed to be very nearly correct, as far as it extends:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the			
ages of 4 and 16 years	-	-	926
" " between 16 and 21 years	-	-	492
" of Monthly Meeting Schools	-	-	2
" of Preparative Meeting Schools	-	-	2
" of Family schools			4
" of children attending schools taught by Friends,			
wholly under their control,			150
" " attending mixed or promiscuous schools,			1031
" " taught by Friends in mixed schools,			235
" of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught			
school the past year	-	-	108
" of our members, who, in obtaining an education			
at academies and colleges, are placed out			
from among Friends	-	-	10
" of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends			27
Average continuance of these schools, about 6 months.			
Number of children attending the same	-	-	621
" of Friends' children attending the same			399

While, from the circumstances of the case in connection with the situation of our members in many of these scattered locations, it will continue to be difficult to provide for the education of our children in select schools, we are, we think, warranted in believing, that a deep interest is felt by many amongst us upon the important subject, and this interest for the general

literary instruction of our youth is, we apprehend, steady, but surely increasing. Our meetings held upon this island, for a free interchange of sentiment upon the subject of our appointment, are largely attended, and are, we doubt not, productive of good.

Although the number of children reported as in the attendance of schools wholly under our control, is still small, it will be observed that the proportion is greater than last year.

Appended to the account from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, is a report of "Oak Grove Seminary," which continues, we are informed, in successful operation, under the charge of Albert R. Smiley, as Principal, aided by a male and female assistant. The average attendance of pupils at this school has been 70, of whom about one-half were members of our Society. In this institution, instruction is given in the common English and most of the higher English branches, in mathematics, and the Latin and Greek languages; and examinations, which have been attended by a number of the Committee in education in the neighborhood, are reported as highly satisfactory.

An interesting feature in the returns now presented, is exhibited in the very considerable number of our members who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year; while the number of our youth, who are under their tuition, forms no inconsiderable proportion of the whole. We would encourage these instructors to diligence and faithfulness in the arduous and responsible profession which they have chosen, not only in imparting a literary education to those under their control, but in a watchful care over their own spirits, and an earnest desire that they may be instrumental in training their tender charge to a life of morality and virtue.

Five additional First Day Schools are reported this year; and the returns inform that two more schools of this kind are about being established.

Although a number of Friends' children are reported as receiving the benefits of scriptural instruction at home, we have reason to believe, that in several neighborhoods, First Day Schools might be established and maintained with great benefit; as some of the Monthly Meetings still report no school of this character within their limits. We are festively desirous that Friends, throughout our borders, should be alive to the great importance of instructing their children in a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, embracing the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

For the committee,

Henry T. Wood, Clerk."

Newport, 6th month, 15, 1859. "

And we appoint the friends, who served last year, to unite with a similar committee of men Friends in giving attention to this interesting subject, and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year.

Our beloved friend Sarah Lindsey, having no prospect of again attending this Yearly Meeting, in the course of her religious visit in this land, we appoint Sarah W. Anthony, Lydia Congdon and Nancy K. King to unite with a similar committee of men Friends in preparing a suitable returning certificate for our dear friend - and for those who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to the time men Friends may meet tomorrow.

5th day afternoon, met near the 4th hour.

The Representatives being called are present, who answered to their names at the first sitting, except five.

Letters of epistles to our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

A returning certificate for our beloved friend, Sarah Lindsey, has been read, approved and signed; and is as follows, viz:

To Trighouse M^c Meeting - Cork Quarterly Meeting and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London -

Dear Friends - Our beloved friend Sarah Lindsey, who accompanied her husband Robert Lindsey in his religious engagement in this land, has attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from your respective Meetings, expressive of unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and in the present service in which she is engaged. Her company and labors of love have been very acceptable to us, and in parting with our dear sister, we fervently commend her to the preserving care of the unflinching Shepherd of Israel, desiring that, if consistent with the divine will, she, with her dear husband, after having faithfully discharged the Gospel service required of them in a distant land, may be restored in safety and peace to her family and friends.

A returning minute for our dear friend Mary S. Meader has been read, approved and signed.

Extracts from the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign and forward them with transcripts of epistles received from the several Yearly Meetings to our respective

Quarterly Meetings.

Having disposed of the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in great harmony and Christian unity; under a sense of the mercy that has been extended to us, from season to season, during the different sessions of this Meeting, with reverent and grateful hearts we now separate in love, proposing to meet at this place, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah E. Tobey Clerk

Epistles.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In the love of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the spirit, we offer you our affectionate salutation at this time, and while we renewedly feel our inability, in our own strength, for this service, or any other, in this Church, our faith is strengthened in the belief that divine help is graciously afforded, when we rightly seek and wait for it.

Your acceptable epistle of the present year has been received and read, at this time, to the comfort and edification of many hearts, and we have again, as in former times, rejoiced in believing that this epistolary intercourse has been a means, under the Divine blessing, of cementing more closely from year to year the bonds of Christian fellowship, which unite us together, though widely separated, in the one blessed faith of our only Lord and Saviour.

This, our annual assembly has been large, and while our hearts have been pained in noticing the many places made vacant by the removal of members in Israel, we have been comforted by the presence of a large number of dear young Friends, whose serious deportment and attentive interest in the important concerns of Society have been brought before us,

lead us to believe that they are yielding themselves to the sweet influences of Divine grace on their hearts, and that they are under the forming Hand for usefulness in the Church, and becoming prepared to receive the galling mantles of those, who, having finished their course, have, we recently believe, been gathered to their eternal rest.

The infinite love of our Heavenly Father to us, his unworthy children, has been largely manifested during the several sittings of this Meeting, and the gospel of our blessed Saviour has been declared in a measure of its ancient simplicity, purity and beauty. We have been earnestly invited to avail ourselves of the appointed means of Divine Grace. The attendance of our religious meetings has been much dwelt upon. In all ages God has been pleased to bless the services of his Sanctuary, and there to make himself known to his waiting servants. The language of the Royal Psalmist has been brought to our remembrance, namely, "My soul thirsteth for thee $\times \times$ to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the Sanctuary", and we have been reminded of several exhortations of an apostle, which teach us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, all clearly indicating the institution of public worship to be of Divine appointment. The reading of the Holy Scriptures, with prayer that they may be opened to our understanding and sanctified to our hearts, and more than all the practice of frequent, earnest and trustful prayer, are so indispensable that, if neglected, we can scarcely hope to make progress in the knowledge of God and of his dear Son, whom to know is life eternal. (Dear Young Sisters, let us entreat you to seek this knowledge - to embrace the offers of redeeming love, whose tender invitations recommend themselves to your susceptible hearts.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our dear friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from your land and of other dear friends, from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel services have been truly acceptable and edifying to us. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things.

We lament with you that the continent of Europe is again involved in the conflict of war, at a time, when we had hoped that the teachings of Prince of Peace were beginning to enlighten and influence both rulers and subjects. On one point, we are still called to walk by faith and not by sight in view of the continued oppression of the unfortunate children of bondage. The unvarying language of God by his providence seems to be,

What I do then knowest not now; but ^{thou} shalt know hereafter" & may
your prayers ascend with ours to the Father of mercies that He will
hasten the day, when all wars and oppression shall cease, and the
kingdom of his dear Son be established in the earth. "Thine, O Lord, is
the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty;
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom,
O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."

With the salutation of love, we remain your affectionate sisters.

Witnessed by direction and on behalf of the attending

Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

"Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean
heart," but it is indeed under a sense of weakness and abounding infirmi-
ty, that we, while engaged, at this time, to address you, feel our utter inability
of ourselves to do any good thing. "Without me ye can do nothing," said our
Saviour; and unless his blessing rest upon and accompany all our efforts
to promote his cause, vain will be our endeavors.

We have once more been permitted to meet together at our annual
vicinity, and as the multiplied blessings and mercies which have marked
the last year are brought to our remembrance, our hearts are humbled under
a sense of our unworthiness and increased accountability, and fervent are
our petitions, that renewed dedication, a more perfect and entire surrender
of heart to Him whose we are, and whom we desire to serve, may be our
happy experience.

To the young, the word of exhortation has touchingly gone forth; and
they have been tenderly invited to come to Christ, the source and fountain of
all our blessings, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
And as his will is made manifest in the secret of the heart, even though it
call for the sacrifice of little things, if through his assistance the cross is
cheerfully borne, ability will be given to make greater sacrifices, and they
will be enabled to go on from strength to strength, and bringing forth the
fruits of the Spirit in their daily life, will glorify their Father who is in
heaven. How small they know if they follow on to know the Lord; his going
with is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto them as the
rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

When we are committed the care of the tender lambs of the

held, have been entreated to watch prayerfully over their own spirits, to seek first to have their own hearts purified and cleansed, and daily waiting upon Him who is able to supply all their need, they will be qualified to administer words of counsel or reproof, in the right way and time, which will, in due season, have a blessed and lasting effect.

Our hearts turn with sorrow to the prospect of a desolating war on the continent of Europe. May you, dear sisters, be preserved in the quiet habitation, diligently improving every opportunity for inculcating the principles of peace in the minds of your children and of those around you; and may we all seek for ability to pray for the coming of that day, when wars shall cease unto the end of the earth, and the dominion of the Prince of Peace be extended from sea to sea.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from England. Their company and labors of love amongst us, as well as those ^{of friends} from neighboring Yearly Meetings, have had a sweet and encouraging influence.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah L. Toben Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

On coming together at the place of our annual gathering, our hearts have been contrited in humble acknowledgment, that, Truly, the Lord is good unto Israel, 'He is high unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Unspeakably precious is the covering of His Spirit, infusing into our hearts the cementing influence of His love, whereby a qualification is known for the performance of that pure spiritual worship the Father approveth. In a measure of the feeling of comfort wherewith our hearts have been comforted of God we salute you, dear sisters, and offer the salutation of "God speed" on the heaven-ward journey.

The reading of your kind epistle of last year, together with others from different Yearly Meetings, has been animating and encouraging to us, evidencing that we are a united people, acknowledging "One Lord, one faith, one baptism", and under a sense of the need of saving help, we feel that it is all of mercy, pure, unmerited mercy, that the spirit of availing supplication has been joined forth, inducing fresh and devout

aspirations for the continuance of the Divine blessing. Now therefore,
"Come O Lord, into thy rest; thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thy
saints be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy."
It can respond to the language of your epistle, that, though the way to
the kingdom be narrow, yet, in it the Christian traveller finds safety
and true enjoyment.

The privileges of the Gospel furnish abiding consolation to the be-
liever. Though oft in trouble and perplexity, and sometimes cast down,
we have a High Priest, to whom he has constant access, who is touched
with a feeling of his infirmities and sorrows, whose sympathies are always
his, who is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and is mighty
and able to save all who come unto God by him.

The Lord's people have ever been a cross-bearing people, but have in
reserve a heavenly crown to cheer them on; and by the grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ, "having hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience," are prepared
to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our
lips, giving thanks to His name).

(Deep hath been the exercise, prevalent in this Meeting on account
of the many deficiencies existing among us, as marked by the answers to the
queries. Much Christian admonition and affectionate counsel have been
imparted, calculated to stir up the pure mind by way of remembrance, and
warn the negligent to greater diligence. Mothers have been encouraged in
the work of training their beloved offspring, to seek for themselves a prepara-
tion of heart, to sow good seed in the hearts of the children, and by a right
spirit, in meekness and gentleness, to cherish the same with prayerful interest,
endeavouring to bring the precious change to the Saviour.

May the Lord of the harvest bless the labour of the labourers every where,
causing an increase of Heavenly good amongst us, tending to the honour of
His blessed name and the spread of his glorious cause upon the earth.

With the salutation of love, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Sarah S. Tobey, Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

It is our privilege, again to be convened in a Yearly Meeting
capable, for the purpose of attending to the important concerns of society, which
through divine favour we have been permitted to do in much harmony and

Love.

Our sisterly epistle of last year, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, has been as a cordial to our feelings, strengthening in our minds the conviction that the language of the true Church is the same everywhere.

We have been humbled in view of the deficiencies presented through the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings, which have caused much exercise and salutary counsel from the lovingly concerned. Mothers have been admonished to watch over their own spirits; and for the proper discharge of their parental duties, to seek ability of Him who giveth liberally to all who ask in true faith. They have been encouraged to embrace every right opening, to read to them from the Holy Scriptures, and to direct their tender minds to the love of the Saviour. The younger members of Society have been most affectionately appealed to, to give up to the convictions of duty, and make a full surrender of their hearts and affections, in order to purchase that peace of mind, which is the Pearl of great price.

Many of us came up to this our annual assembly under great discouragements, but thanks be to our heavenly Father, we have been cared for, and protected as by the covering of his good Spirit, which is as the shadow of a Great Rock in a weary land.

We have, at this time, the very acceptable company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from England, and of several ministering Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel labors have been truly edifying and encouraging. It is cause of heart-felt gratitude that the Father of mercies graciously condescends to qualify and to send his servants amongst us, enabling them, through the might of His power, to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation through Him who laid down his life for us. May the mental eye be kept single, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of the saints' faith, that by a ready obedience to his will, we may be permitted to inherit the promises.

Let us not be unmindful of the many unnumbered blessings bestowed upon us by our merciful Benefactor. While war and bloodshed are raging among the nations of the earth, and devastating all in their train, we are permitted to dwell in peace.

The subject of Slavery so feelingly alluded to, in your epistle, continues to claim our attention, and our sympathy both for the oppressed, and for those who are situated in their midst.

Although we are more remote from the awful scenes of Slavery and of

we may not be indifferent to the sufferings, both physical and
moral, attendant on these great national evils; and may we be enabled
to intercede that our Father who is in heaven may be pleased to hasten the
coming of that glorious day when nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they learn war any more, and when he shall be pleased
to break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free.

With the salutation of love we remain your affectionate sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Although widely separated, and few of us personally
known to each other, you are still, beloved friends, brought very near to us,
at the present time, in Christian love and sympathy. The reading of your
truly acceptable epistle of 9th Mo. last, has afforded us much comfort and
encouragement, and we have felt renewedly impressed with the value of
such a correspondence, prompted by mutual love, and sisterly interest.

Gathered now in our annual assembly, we are led gratefully to ac-
knowledge that the canopy of Ancient Goodness has been spread over us, en-
abling us in sweet harmony to transact the business of Society.

The company and excellent counsel of our dear friends Robert and Sarah
Sindley, from England, and of other dear friends from different parts of this
continent, we esteem as among our numerous blessings. How bright the example
of those who, through the constraining love of Christ, are made willing to resign
their earthly all, to engage in His service, and bear the glad tidings of the
Gospel into the remote corners of the world!

While considering the state of Society many minds have been introduced
into exercise in view of the various deficiencies reported. The neglect apparent
in the attendance of meetings, and the loss thus sustained have been feelingly
alluded to, and we have been exhorted to a more faithful performance of
this important duty, to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

We have also been encouraged to cultivate that charity, which
"suffereth long and is kind," believing that as the mind becomes thoroughly
imbued with this virtue, the spirit of detraction will yield to that of love
and unity.

The responsible duties devolving upon mothers, and those entrusted

with the care of training the young, have claimed our serious attention, and we have feared that some may not be sufficiently aware how early permanent impressions, either for good or evil, may be made upon the tender mind of infancy. Who can estimate the influence exerted by a pious mother over the heart of her child? Lessons pure and holy may be instilled, which will prove as a shield amid the temptations of later years. Let the devoted mother follow her child to its bed-chamber, and there, in the gentle accents of affection, read from the sacred page of a Saviour's love, and while she would teach the importance of reviewing the thoughts, words and actions of the day, may she also feel to teach

" 'Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours;
And ask them what report they bore to heaven;
And how they might have borne more welcome news."

We have also deeply felt the importance which attaches to the office of a Teacher, and would entreat all, both with you and us, engaged in this interesting field of labor, to remember that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps;" and that we should rely upon heavenly guidance if we would direct the steps of others.

The sound of war, of a war, which is devastating the plains of Europe, comes to us across the waters, and fervently do our prayers ascend to the Almighty, with those of true Christians in every land, that he may subdue the animosity of nations, and bid the strife of armies cease.

And now, dear sisters, earnestly desiring that we may all, as individuals, seek to know, and perform our various duties acceptably in the Divine sight, and thus be qualified to promote the best interests of our beloved Society, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah H. Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

Through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father, we have been again permitted to come up to this our annual assembly, and have been again reminded of the declaration of our blessed Lord and Saviour on a solemn fast day when he stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink"; and fervent have been our prayers that we may be so wise as to accept this gracious invitation and become partakers of the precious promise that "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall

give them small nerve thrust."

We recently acknowledge that the presence of our divine Master has been eminently felt in our midst, refreshing and uniting our hearts together in Him, and in the words of the Psalmist of Israel we may inquire each for himself "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" May we, who are the recipients of so many of the unchangeable promises of our blessed Redeemer, prove faithful unto death, that we may receive a crown of life.

We acknowledge with thankfulness the reception of your acceptable epistle. The reading of which has awakened a cheerful response in our hearts, savouring, as it does, of the sweet language of the Spirit unto the churches. How endearing and enlivening are these interchanges of feeling concerning the joys and sorrows that await the Christian on his pilgrimage to the city of the saints' solemnities; They strengthen the bonds of discipleship and unite us to our distant friends in heavenly communion, and are indeed fresh mementos of Him, who breathed forth the spirit of his gospel in the gracious command, "That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

We are renewedly blessed at this time with the company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsay from England, as well as other gospel messengers from various parts of our own land. With deep thankfulness, we testify that the glad tidings of the gospel have been proclaimed amongst us. May we, dear sisters, be encouraged to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. We believe it to be a day of renewed visitation to every class amongst us. The aged mothers, who still linger on this side Jordan, have been enabled once more to put on the garment of praise, and to realize that He, who was their morning light, is now their evening song. We highly value their counsels, as well as the influence of their devotional spirit, in our weighty deliberations. They most affectionately exhort our younger sisters to yield to the gracious invitation of their blessed Saviour to follow Him in the way of his requirements, thus bringing to his altar a morning sacrifice which is so acceptable in His holy sight.

Your desires for our prayers on behalf of the oppressed sons of Africa find a hearty response. We would seek for ability to plead for them at the throne of mercy. We also feel a deep sympathy for you in the trials and privations incident to your locality. Be encouraged dear sisters in the assurance of a blessed answer to your earnest petitions.

in a time, not far distant, when the voice of the oppressor shall
cease in our land, and Ethiopia more abundantly stretch out her
hand unto God.

Finally, beloved sisters, we commend you to God and to the work
of His grace - and bid you an affectionate farewell in the Lord.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting

Sarah H. May Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

In reading your acceptable epistle of 9th mo. last,
our minds were brought under a feeling of gospel love, for the advance-
ment of the soul's best interest in every good word and work - trusting
in that arm that can preserve us in heights and in depths - enabling us
to feel our dependence on that power on which we may lean and walk
safely. We would encourage one another to trust in the Lord with all
our hearts, for in Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. In
this assurance we are brought to feel that the joy of God's salvation is
freely offered to all that believe in His name in humble faith and
confidence. May the work of righteousness which is sown in peace to them
that make peace, yield the fruits of the Spirit, which we trust, will more
and more abound among us. Then we consider that the Christian traveller,
at times, is encompassed with many fears from within and without - may
we in these conflicts so abide under that reverent waiting upon our heavenly
Guide that we ^{may} offer an acceptable offering in righteousness.

Our Meeting has been brought under a lively concern that the be-
loved youth might come to an understanding to commence the Christian
way at the right end, making sure the foundation on that rock which
cannot be shaken - Christ Jesus our hope of salvation - the progress would
then be upward and onward to the joy and gladness of themselves, and their
dear sisters, whose concern not only rested with the tender youth, but
on the mothers also that they might instill into the minds of their children
the principles of the ever-blessed truth, which we feel applicable to you, as
well as to us. We gratefully acknowledge that the sittings of this meeting
have been owned by the Shepherd of Israel, who has been graciously pleased
to manifest Himself in blessing and breaking bread to the hungry soul. We
feel to mingle with you in the satisfactory report of the committee of your
Yearly Meeting School and trust that the anticipated results will be more

fully realized in the constitution, by infusing that knowledge, which, we believe will establish in the minds of the beloved youth the principles of truth and righteousness, which will be as a hedge about them, that will preserve in all the slippery paths of life.

We have had at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from Great Britain, whose gospel labours amongst us, have been as a rock by the way, refreshing and comforting the humble traveller Tim-ward. We have also with us, other dear friends, from neighbouring Yearly Meetings whose company and precious services have been satisfactory and encouraging to us.

Finally, beloved sisters, farewell! May the God of peace be with you and us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah T. Tobey Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Although we have received no Epistle from you at this time, which is cause of regret, as we believe that this interchange of pure gospel feeling is as a savor of life unto life, still we feel drawn towards you our beloved distant sisters, in a measure of that unfeigned love which wishes well to all, and extends to the whole household of faith - and desires have arisen that your recent establishment in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting may prove to be for the honor and glory of God, and the advancement of His righteous cause.

Our present Yearly Meeting has been largely attended, and much precious counsel has been given. Mothers have been incited to more faithfulness in training the tender Lambs committed to their care, - and the younger members have been exhorted to yield themselves wholly and unreservedly to the influences of Divine grace upon the heart, which will make them useful in the militant Church, and prepare them to take the places of those who may soon be called to swell the cloud of witnesses at the right hand of God.

In the accounts from our subordinate meetings, we have been deeply exercised on account of the many deficiencies amongst us, and earnest desires have been expressed that we may exercise over each other a gently jealousy, and at the same time experience that "charity, which suffereth long and is kind, which rejoiceth not in iniquity,

but rejoiceth in the truth." Friends have been tenderly exhorted to greater diligence in the attendance of all our religious meetings, and to seek, when thus assembled, to draw near unto God, believing that we shall realize, at these seasons, as we are thus concerned, that He will be graciously pleased to draw near unto us, and strengthen and sustain us with the water and bread of life.

We sensibly feel that the subject of Slavery should claim a deep and abiding interest in our minds, and let us, dear friends, continue to bear the subject on our hearts before the Lord; and in this watchful, waiting state, seek to know His will, to embrace every right opening, however small it may appear, for the amelioration of the condition of this deeply injured people. Let us not be discouraged, remembering that he who is faithful in the little, shall be made ruler over more.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our dear friends Robert and Sarah Lindsey from Great Britain, together with others from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love have been strengthening and encouraging to us, affording an evidence that the Lord is mindful of His heritage.

With desires for your prosperity and preservation in the ever blessed Truth, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting by,
Sarah L. Sobey Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for
New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing
with public meetings for worship at Newport and
Providence, on first day the 10th and for discipline
at Newport on second day morning, the 11th of
6th Month 1860.

- By the Reports received from our Quarterly
Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have
been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz
- From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Pecham, Lydia
Gould, Sarah J. Tobey, Mary A. Smith,
Ruth B. Gifford, Ruth B. Buffinton,
Anna Worland, Hannah C. Robinson,
Cynthia Brown and Amy Wilbur.
- " Salem - Elizabeth Love, Avis Ken, Olivia C.
Oliver, Mary Nichols, Mary E. Breed,
Elizabeth Paige, Orinda Buxton and
Ruth D. Paige.
- " Sandwich - Mary Gifford, Christina Macy, Mercy
K. Wing, Anna G. Wood, Lydia Train
Phoebe R. Gifford, Mary G. Macomber,
Ruth Ann Shepherd, and Phoebe Haide.
- " Falmouth - Patience B. Winston, Eunice J. Rich,
Lydia R. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Abby B. B. B.
Hannah A. Pope and Mary W. Jones.
- " Smithfield - Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann K.
Cotton, Ruth M. Batty, Lucy G. Payson,
Mercy Ann Wing, Sarah P. Wheeler, and
Mary A. Hallgren.
- " Pawtucket - Ann Elmira Lang, Hannah R.
Taber, Lucy W. Vining, Anna Bates,
Hannah J. Jenkins, Sarah Ellen Jones, Susan
Hussey, Lydia J. Fry and Fannie Jones.
- " Dover - Matilda V. Bangs, Rebecca Jane Hussey,
Hannah Wood, Hannah G. Sanger, Hannah
W. Under and Sarah B. Roberts.

From Fairfield - Hannah Pope, Patience D. Swan,
Lucy J. Hanks, Lavinia M. Briggs, Betsey J.
Bailey, Lyattia J. Jones, and Sarah J. Sampson,
who are all present.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it
appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
has united with Rhode Island Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of George Anthony
and Ruth Anthony to the station of Elders, with
Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Joseph Garland - and with South Kingston
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary D.
Collins to the same station. That Sandwich Quar-
terly Meeting has united with New Bedford Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Eliza C. Davis and
Anna G. Wood to the station of Elders - also with
Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Rebecca A. Gifford to the same station, and that
Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Naomi F.
Loag to the station of Elders, and with Dover
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jacob K.
Durington to the same station.

Interesting Epistles from our sisters of London,
Duffin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio,
Indiana and Western Monthly Meetings have been
read, and these salutations as in former days
are comforting and encouraging to us and we
appoint the following friends to consider the
subject and as may may open for it to prepare
words of reply to present to a future sitting of
this meeting - Anna G. Wood, Phoebe A. Gifford,
Mary K. Wing, Dorcas F. Tucker, Ruth H. Baker,
Lucy J. Hanks, Anna J. Dennis, Lydia Congdon,
Susan Kimball, Lybil Jones, Avis Kene, Lydia H.
Fry, Rachel S. Kimball, Sarah J. Sampson, Eunice
J. Nick, Mary A. Jones, Rachel B. Kolder, Eunice
B. Boyce, Elizabeth Peckham, Rebecca C. Kinsman

Abigail M. Hanson, Elizabeth Gove, Sarah A. Tobey,
Hester H. Tabor, Mary B. Parnum, Hannah G. Sawyer,
Ruth G. Paige, Sarah B. Roberts, Jane C. Minot Abby
Merrill and Maria C. Oliver.

We appoint Mary Gifford, Mary A. Smith, Sarah
H. Anthony, Anna Bondard, Elizabeth A. Osborn, Betsey
P. Wood, Betsey Aiken, Beulah M. Rogers and Ruth
Sawyer to prepare a summary from the answers to the
Queries to present to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at
the rise of the meeting to confer upon the subject
of Clerks and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Second day, afternoon - met near the 4th hour.

Hebe A. Gifford on behalf of the Representatives
reported, that they were united in proposing Sarah
A. Tobey for Clerk and Sarah H. Anthony, Assistant
Clerk, which being acceptable to the meeting, they
are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our
beloved friends Thomas Hazier of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa;
Lyndy M. Hoag of Puckewania Monthly Meeting, Iowa,
Jeremiah A. Minnell of Greenfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana,
Samuel Lloyd of West Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio,
Joseph Haviland of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, New York,
Hudson Atrater of Eastland Monthly Meeting, New York,
Hiram Coffin of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana,
Edith Griffith of Red Stone Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania,
Mary B. Furham of Salem Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Julia
Ann McLeod of Westland Monthly Meeting, Iowa, and
Hannah L. Fry of Marlboro Monthly Meeting, New York -
certificates from their respective meetings, expressing
unity with them as ministers and with their present
religious engagements were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved
friends Elijah Coffin, who accompanies his wife, Asa
Williams, companion to our friend Samuel Lloyd, Lydia
A. McLeod, companion to our friend Hudson Atrater,

Thomas W. Wood accompanying his wife Julia Ann Wood,
E. Haines and Lydia Stanley, accompanying our friend
Edith Griffith and John C. Hill of Short Creek
Monthly Meeting Ohio, who presented satisfactory tes-
timonials from their respective meetings expressive
of unity with them as Elders and with their
present engagement. We have likewise the accep-
table company of our beloved friend William C.
Morris, companion to our friend Jeremiah A. Grinnell,
Lindsay M. and Mary M. Lewis, accompanying our
friend Hannad S. By, and Thomas E. Pinckham,
accompanying his mother Mary B. Pinckham, and
satisfactory minutes from their Monthly Meetings
have been presented and read, expressive of unity
with them as members of our religious society and
with their present engagement.

We have in attendance at the time several other
dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose
company is truly acceptable to us.

And we have felt it indeed a privilege to have
with us yet once more in our Annual gathering,
dear aged sisters of our own Yearly Meeting -
Mothers in Israel - whose earthly pilgrimage is
well nigh run, but the influence of whose spirits,
whose prayers and whose aspirations, have descen-
ded as sweet incense upon us. May the Lord,
whom they have been concerned faithfully to serve,
continue to be unto them, his devoted servants, a
strong arm to lean upon, even to the end.

The minutes of last year have been read.

We adjourn to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning the 12th. Met apparently to ad-
journment.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee
has been read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding

What is Providence report:

That for the summer term of the school, there were admitted one hundred and thirty seven scholars; seventy one males and sixty six females; and for the winter term, one hundred and twenty seven scholars; ninety seven males and eighty females; and with few exceptions, arising from ill-health or other causes, they attended through those terms respectively.

Our friends Joseph and Gertrude W. Eastland, have acceptably served the Institution as principals, on the same terms as heretofore. They have been assisted by the following teachers, viz: In the Summer term John A. Powell, Samuel T. Satterthwaite, Mary S. Harris and Elma M. Dame, in the English branch; Franklin E. Page in Mathematics, Robert Henry Duncan in Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaud in French and German, and Mary A. Potter in Drawing. In the winter term, in the English Branches, the same teachers were employed with the exception of Samuel T. Satterthwaite, and the addition of Mary Anna Stanton and Ellen L. Whittier. In Mathematics Henry L. Pinham was employed; in Natural Science, Samuel Austin, and in Penmanship, Harvey Maxfield. In the other branches, the teachers were the same as in the Summer term.

We have had, the past year, to record the removal, by death, of one of these teachers, and at our meeting in the first month, we thought it right to place on our records the following minute in relation thereto, viz:

In recording the removal by death of our beloved young friend Mary S. Harris, we believe it right to express our sense of the excellence of her character, and of the loss we have sustained in the dispensation of our Heavenly Father, who knoweth all things in His wisdom, and whose ways are past finding out.

Educated in this Institution, going through with the full course of study recently established here, with much credit, and receiving the first diploma issued by us, she was introduced as a teacher into the school, and had discharged the duties of the appointment for about two years, with great acceptance to us, to her associate teachers, and to the pupils of the Institution.

Soon after the opening of the present term, our dear friend was somewhat indisposed, and it was thought, but she should be temporarily released from her school duties; and she went to the house of a relative in Waterford, expecting to return here in a few days. But He who knoweth what is best for us all, who seeth the end from the beginning and doeth all things well, had otherwise appointed. She gradually sunk under a typhoid fever, and was released from the pains and trials of mortality, the 4th of First Month, 1860; aged about 23 years.

While we deeply feel our privation by her removal from us; while we tenderly sympathize with her afflicted relatives in their bereavement; we are comforted with the assured belief that she loved the Saviour, and that through His abounding mercy, she is received by Him into a place prepared for her in the mansions of His Father's house."

We believe the Institution, in its several departments, has been satisfactorily conducted, and continues to afford a means for a useful and guarded education to those entrusted to its care. The deportment of the scholars has been generally commendable, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory.

Meetings for worship, have been held, as heretofore, in the school house on First-day mornings; and these meetings are believed to have been

held in a manner according with their solemn purpose.
They have been attended, with few exceptions, by mem-
bers of the Committee and other Friends.

Scriptural instruction has formed a part
of the regular exercises of the school, with the
purpose of giving the pupils a knowledge of the
contents of their invaluable writings, and im-
pressing their solemn truths upon their minds.

At the close of the Summer term, seven scholars
having completed the full course of study, as
prescribed by the rules of the school, were pre-
sented with duly authenticated certificates or
diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be
given in such cases.

The accounts of the institution having been audited,
exhibit the following result for the last year:-

Charitable Fund.

Receipts from the income of the Fund. -	\$165.00
Due the Treasurer at this time, - -	92.50
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	\$257.50

Charges on the Fund,

Due the Treasurer, last year,	\$97.50
Payment for the board and tuition of four children, one term each,	160.00
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	\$257.50

General Fund.

Receipts from the Income of the School Fund.	\$3,844.84
From a subscription	50.00
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	\$3,894.84

Payments,

Fire insurance premium	165.00
Interest	170.15
Repairs and additions on School premises,	1541.63
To Joseph Cartland on contract	3000.00
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	\$4,876.78

Leaving a deficiency of 981.94
which added to the indebtedness reported last year
\$4,214.87, makes the present indebtedness \$3,153.81

The deficiency, above reported, arises principally from a falling short of the income of the School Fund, which was the last year from \$2000 to \$3000 less than in former years. It is not expected that this will again occur, and under the present arrangement, it is hoped that the debt may, in a few years, be extinguished.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz: \$40. per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$30. for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members; and \$100. for any others, payable in advance. That \$5. additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and Stationery being furnished at actual cost.

Which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, with the belief that the Institution is usefully fulfilling the design of its founders.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the School Committee,

Stephen A Chase, Clerk.

Providence, fifth Month, 8th, 1860.

and we appoint the following friends to write with a similar committee of new friends in proposing to the meeting, the names of a committee to have the care of the school for the ensuing year, viz: Anna T Dennis, Ruth B. Buffinton, Olivia C. Oliver, Mary C. Board, Mercy R. Wing, Phoebe R. Gifford, Eunice J. Rich, Lydia H. Jones, Ann L. Buffum, Phoebe S. Marsh, Almira Fishon, Lydia P. Fay, Abigail M. Hanson, Susan L. Reader, Hannah Pope, and Lucy J. Kanhaw.

The reading of this report, in which mention is made of the death of our dear young friend, Mary S. Harris,

her short but interesting life endeared her to many, and whose early death blighted many earthly hopes, has brought a feeling of deep solemnity over us, and too, with the more recent occurrences of illness and death which have taken place at the Boarding School, introduced us at this time into a feeling of deep sympathy for the bereaved. We earnestly hope that the removal, in so sudden and unexpected a manner, of these dear young persons, in the early morning of their day, may impress us afresh with the uncertainty of life, and with our utter weakness and insufficiency to retain with us those we love, when the Lord seeth meet to call for them. Truly do we sympathize with those who are weeping as in the freshness of their grief - and with those, also, whose hearts may have been made to bleed anew at this time, by the opening afresh of less recent wounds. May then, and the sorrowing ones of every class, bear in remembrance that we are mercifully permitted to bring all our cares and all our sorrows unto Jesus; that he is able and willing, as we cry unto him, to succor, to sustain and to comfort under every affliction; and as he is pleased to sever, one by one, the tender cords that bind us here, he will, as we trust in him, strengthen those that bind us to the ransomed in Heaven.

The clerk is requested to prepare extracts from the minutes of this meeting to present to a future sitting, to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon met near the 4th hour.

Entered upon the consideration of the state of Society by reading the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings with a summary prepared therefrom and proceeded as far as the 2^d inclusive.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning - Met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read and in this important engagement no have been made

thankful for the solemn covering that has been spread
over us and the salutary counsel and caution,
imparted to us by faithful and qualified servants
on account of the deficiencies that are apparent
amongst us. The neglect of the attendance of our
religious meetings has awakened a concern in many
minds and we have been exhorted to greater
faithfulness in the performance of this duty, which
has its origin and its foundation in the eternal
truth. He who is Head over all things to his church,
desires not only that his people shall meet to-
gether, but he, in his mercy, condescends to meet
with them agreeably to his declaration, "Where two
or three are gathered together in my name, there am I
in the midst of them;" - and as we are concerned
rightly to assemble for the worship of God, his light
will be made manifest, his power will be felt
and his truth will reign over us, and we shall
rejoice in the recurrence of these precious seasons,
and be prepared to unite with the Psalmist,
"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into
the house of the Lord."

Our beloved young sisters, who are the joy of the
present and the hope of the succeeding generations,
have been entreated to give earnest heed to the things
which concern their everlasting peace, - to give up now,
in the morning of their days, to serve the Lord.
"Ye must be born again," is an unchangeable truth.
It is the declaration of Christ himself. The Lord
our God is worthy of the sacrifice of our whole
hearts; he will not accept a divided heart, but
as we give ourselves up wholly to serve him, as we
feel a hungering and thirsting after righteousness,
His blessing will rest upon us and we shall be
filled and shall experience the sweetness of that
spirit in which we can make covenant with God,
and realize that we are the objects of his love
and care

A want of love and unity is apparent in some of our meetings, which has brought an exercise over us at this time, and we have been encouraged to make a strict self-examination and to enquire, God, is it I that has injured another? is it I who cannot forgive one who has offended against me? The love of Jesus alone can enable us to overcome the evil propensities of our nature. He taught his disciples formerly to pray to our Father in Heaven "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." He teaches the same in this day. And we have been tenderly entreated to live in love one towards another. To do unto others as we would that they should do unto us; and to make it our object and Christian care, to seek to restore, and to save, rather than to destroy, remembering the injunction of the Apostle, if one "be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

The practice of reading the Holy Scriptures has been much dwelt upon; believing, as we do, that they are our greatest outward help, that they were given by inspiration of God, and are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. "There are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name."

The importance of collecting our families for the daily reading of these sacred truths has been urged upon us; not in a formal manner, but in reverent dependence, looking unto him who has the key of David, who openeth and none can shut, to be our great interpreter, believing that he will, in his matchless mercy, condescend more and more to unfold these blessed truths to our understanding and to seal them upon our hearts. We believe these opportunities rightly entered into, would be correct of the Lord, and that the dear mothers

as they sought unto him, would be favored at times to bow the knee in prayer, in the presence of their precious children, and that they would be refreshed together. Oh! it is a blessed privilege to pray. It is an unspeakable mercy that we are permitted to ask for help and preservation. When we feel poor and unworthy, incapable of doing anything for ourselves or for those we love, then how sweet to come to Jesus.

When our beloved children go from us, our sons and our daughters, to acquire an education, or to engage in the duties of life, and fears and anxieties arise on account of the temptations that may beset their way; then it is that the pious mother may know the comfort of true, fervent prayer, on their account. May we remember the injunction: "Pray without ceasing, and in all things give thanks."

The following is a summary of the answers received.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended with the exception of several small meetings, omitted mostly on account of sickness and inclement weather, and generally by the greater part of our members, though a remissness is apparent in some, in the due attendance of our midweek meetings and those for Discipline. The hour nearly observed. Friends are preserved from sleeping, except in a few instances. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behavior. Some care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

2^d. It appears from the answers that all are not sufficiently concerned to preserve love and unity and to guard against the spirit of detraction, where care has been extended, and also to end differences when they have arisen.

3^d. It appears there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel; to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt

conservation of the world, and to be exemplary herein themselves, while many are serious in the maintenance of our testimonies in these respects. It appears that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th - Careful in the several particulars of this query, except a few instances of attending places of public resort, where some care has been taken.

5th - The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning and none placed from among Friends.

6th - Friends appear to be generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline - yet there have been several instances of keeping company and marrying out of the order of our Society, where care has been extended.

7th - Our testimony is generally maintained with regard to the several particulars of this query.

8th - Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, they are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th - Clear in regard to records, several removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10th - Friends endeavor to deal with offenders, according to the requisitions of this query, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline, though not always without delay.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock.

Afternoon - met near the 4th hour.

The London General Epistle of 1857 has been acceptably read, and we desire that the caution, the counsel and the encouragement it contains may be alike remembered with profit to all.

A testimony from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Portland Greene, has been read.

The memory of the Just is blessed. In marking the upright and dedicated walk of this servant and disciple of Christ thro' a long life, may we remember that it was faithfulness to manifested duty and a steadfast adherence to the printings of truth, through divine grace that made him what he was. He gave his heart to God, and the pure and gentle teachings of his spirit descended upon it like summer rain, and heavenly love cast out earth's fear, with all its shadowy train.

We have united with our friends in accepting the following minute from the Meeting for Sufferings,

viz:
"When a minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting, previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so, he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very mighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.

In cases requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline: and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.

And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner as is required when the

perfect 'extends to Europe or beyond sea."

The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh animating and renewed qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our mighty and solemn consideration and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this mighty work."

Mary E. Brud, Lydia Congdon and Rachel S. Howland are appointed to prepare returning minutes for our friends who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon - Met near the 4th hour.

The representatives being called are present except two. The Committee appointed to propose names for a School Committee presented the following, which are acceptable to the meeting and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year: viz: Susan Howland, Sarah F. Tobey, Eliza B. Boyce, Dorcas F. Tucker, Mary A. Smith, Anna J. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia K. Jones.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North-Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings have been read, approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Report of the Committee on Education has been acceptably read, and is as follows.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education report: - That the following statistical information has been compiled from accounts received from the several monthly meetings, bearing upon the subject of our appointment, viz: -

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting, between the ages of four and sixteen years.	892
Number between sixteen and twenty-one years.	483
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools.	2
Number of Preparative Meeting Schools,	1
Number of Family Schools,	6
Number of children attending schools taught by Friends or wholly under their control,	177
Number of children attending mixed or promiscuous schools.	466
Number of children taught by Friends in mixed schools,	212
Number of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught school the past year	117
Number of our members, who, in obtaining an education at academies and colleges, are placed out from among Friends,	12
Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends,	29
Average continuance of First Day Schools - about six months -	
Number of pupils attending the same	735
Number of pupils attending the same, who are members of our religious Society,	466

The subject confided to us has, from time to time, claimed our attention, under a deep feeling of its importance, and a survey of the field before us as well as our meetings in this island, has afforded cheering evidence that, while our progress in the work has been slow, and much, very much, remains to be accomplished, our cause is still onward; and the interest of Friends for the guarded literary and religious education of our youth, is, in a good degree, lively and animating. One cause of encouragement, afforded by the

statistic now before us, is the increased number of children reported as in the attendance of select schools, while the number of our children who are taught by Friends, in miscellaneous schools is nearly one-sixth of the whole.

Another striking feature exhibited in the summary now presented, is the large number of our members, who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year; and this evidence of the favorable opinion, in the community, of their qualifications for this arduous and responsible duty, is, we believe, cause of gratulation.

For this interesting class, composed mostly of those in the younger walks of life, our interest and sympathies have been awakened, that they may not only be diligent in the performance of their allotted service, under a deep sense of the obligations which they have assumed, but that, seeking for that wisdom which is from above, they may be thereby qualified to discharge themselves "as to the Lord and not unto men".

Of the continued efficiency of our Boarding School at Providence, we are abundantly satisfied. By the account from "Wassahon", we are informed that "Oak Grove Seminary" has been in successful operation during the past year, and some of our number who have attended the examinations at this school report it in a flourishing condition.

Upon the subject of Scriptural instruction, either in Sab.-day schools, in families, or by the formation of Bible classes of adult members for this purpose we can confidently report an increased interest during the year. The number of schools is slightly augmented, and the proportion of our children who are enjoying the benefits of this simple, though highly useful, auxiliaries to a religious education, is also greater.

We wish, however, earnestly to press upon Friends in some localities, the necessity for greater exertion

in this important work. In view of our Monthly Meetings
no First-day school is at the time reported.

Although fully aware of some of the obstacles to be
met, in the organization and proper maintenance of
these schools, in the little meetings and scattered
neighborhoods of Friends, to which we allude, we are
tenderly solicitous that neither these difficulties, nor
an undue shrinking, from a sense of weakness, on
the part of those who may feel drawn to this
labor of love, may unfortunately deter any of our
dear Friends from a faithful discharge of duty,
in feeding these tender lambs of the flock.

On behalf of the Committee,

Henry T. Wood, Clerk.

Acquart, 6th month 14th, 1860."

and we reappoint the friends who served last year
to unite with a similar committee of men friends
in giving attention to this interesting subject and
they are requested to report to this meeting next
year.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the
following minute for our friend Huldah Altrater,
and similar ones for our friends Naomi Coffin,
Edith Griffith, Mary B. Pinham, Julia Ann McLeal,
and Hannah S. Dy, viz:

Our beloved friend Huldah Altrater attended this
meeting. Her company and religious services have been
acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the follow-
ing minute for our friend Lydia A. Macomber
and similar minutes for our friends Lydia
H. Stanley and Mary M. Ferris. viz:

Our beloved friend Lydia A. Macomber
attended this meeting. Her company and solid
department have been acceptable and satisfactory
to us.

Extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting
have been read and approved and the clerk is

requested to sign and forward them with transcripts of epistles received from the several Yearly Meetings to our respective Quarterly Meetings.

The business of the meeting being accomplished, and feeling this to have been a season of peculiar favor, with hearts filled with thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven for his renewed mercies to us, we conclude, proposing to meet at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah E. Tobey Clerk

Epistles.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

It is as we reverently believe in the fresh flowings of gospel love, which extend over sea and land to salute the Lord's heritage - that our hearts are drawn towards you, and while we gratefully acknowledge your acceptable Epistle of last year, our faith is confirmed in the wisdom of the provision thus made for the renewal and strengthening of the bonds of love and fellowship between the distant members of the church.

Permitted in sparing mercy once more to meet in this our annual gathering, we have cause to commemorate the goodness of Israel's unshumbling Shepherd in granting us an evidence that he still careth for his flock and is near as of old to help those who call upon His great name under a living sense of their dependence upon Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it - Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. May we never so give glory to the

infirmities of the flesh and the noise of the tempter as to forget the giver in the enjoyment of His gifts. May we never place ourselves upon the possession of any of the blessings which he may be pleased to bestow but remember they are all at His disposal and subject to be withdrawn at His will.

We feel that while we have cause at this time to magnify the great and ever blessed name of the Lord, our true place is in reverent waiting and dependence upon Him with prayerful desires that our eye may be kept single unto Him - that self may be made of no reputation - but that each esteeming other better than himself - the holder of the one, the two, or the five talents of our Lord's money may be equally engaged to occupy his stewardship to the glory of Him who has lent till He come and require an account of His own.

Love and heartfellowship has also been our exercise of spirit that true Christian love and unity may continue to prevail among us and increase - That in and through the power of this love we may as we stand praying, forgive if we have caught against any - remembering the injunction of the Lord Jesus - If thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath caught against thee, go thy way - first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift.

We earnestly desire that all who profess the name of Christ and who enjoy so many of the privileges brought in by the gospel may be found truly engaged to live in a measure of the self sacrificing spirit of Him who gave His life for us that we might be reconciled to God.

We have been comforted and encouraged at this time by the prevalence of a living engagement for the more diligent personal and circulation of the Holy Scriptures among us believing that dear young friends may not have heretofore received by daily family readings and otherwise so much scriptural instruction as would have

our devotions and thus the way has been in some instances
left too much unguarded by which the over ready and
rash tempter has found access for the introduction of doubt
and skepticism. May we be fully awakened to the im-
portance of building on the Rock Christ Jesus against
which the gates of Hell shall never be able to prevail. May
our hearts be enlarged in the law of the gospel till all
party feeling and all sectional prejudice shall be done
away and we shall no more say one unto another
I am of Paul and I of Apollos and I of Cephas but
be enabled to unite in the sweet confession - I am of Christ.
We have at this time the acceptable company of dear
friends from other Yearly Meetings which with their gospel
labors has been refreshing and comforting to us. It is a blessed
thing when our faith is renewed in the all sufficiency of the
power which is able to raise up judges as at the first and
counsellors as at the beginning and we have been affection-
ately exhorted to yield our hearts fully to the redeeming,
sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit - that all which obstructs
the way of the Saviour may be removed; that mountains may
be known to flatter down at His presence and we may witness
the government to be upon His shoulders. Then will the talents
He may have bestowed be faithfully occupied - the gifts
and the grace He has lent will be sanctified to His
service and under the constraining power of His love and
in the restraining power of the wisdom which is from above
the Church will rejoice in its members and bright jewels
will be prepared for the Saviour's crown.

Beloved young friends are in attendance with us whose
hearts have been touched with the love of Jesus. We feel that
among them there are those who will be called publicly to
testify to His goodness. May they be made willing to lay every
crown at His feet whose service is true freedom and at whose
great name all must yet bow in mercy or in judgment.
Great is the law we sustain by our unwillingness to make a
full surrender to the requisitions of Him to whom we owe all.
Dear friends, let us encourage one another to consecrate ourselves
mind, body, soul and spirit unto Him - remembering that

time is short, yet in it we must prepare for eternity and the time present only is ours to secure the joys of God's salvation. The blessedness of such a preparation has been brought home to us in the accounts received of the recent triumphant close to the devoted life of one well known to you our late beloved friend John Mander.

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed victims of a cruel bondage within our land has afresh awakened our sympathy. But is not the Lord omnipotent? May we never distrust the Divine Arm of power but committing the cause of this injured people to Him that judgeth righteously, may we in tender commiseration of their sufferings bear them on our hearts before Him trusting that in His own time and by His own instrumentality their deliverance may be accomplished.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister,

We salute you in the blessed fellowship of the Lord Jesus and pray that "grace mercy and peace through God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" may abound amongst you. Your Christian salutation received at this time has brought you very near to us in the unchangeable love of Christ, at whose blessed feet we are permitted at seasons to wait in spirit in heavenly communion and prayer, though far separated from each other. Your allusion to an increasing religious interest amongst the young people with you is indeed glad tidings of great joy and cause of reverent thankfulness to Him who hath said, "if ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will give it" and herein is his great love manifested because He hath heard and graciously answered the earnest supplication of his devoted disciples and poured out a blessing, causing many to glorify God in the day of visitation and

praise His holy name for His great salvation. It is with trust-
with feelings of humble thankfulness that we record the gra-
cious dealings of the Lord with us whose faithfulness he hath
established in the very Heavens.

It seems to be a time of renewed visitation and
subduing from the presence of the Lord - which is manifested
by an increasing prayerful interest amongst the mothers
for a greater qualification to be examples to the flock,
in all holy conversation and godliness and to bring the
dear children in the arms of faith to the Saviour and
entreat Him to bless them, that those yet in the spring-time
of life may be reconciled to Christ through faith in
His atoning blood.

We earnestly desire that the beloved Mothers in Israel may
be encouraged in this service of love, in a holy dependence
upon the blessed Saviour being thoroughly furnished unto
every good work, receiving abundant grace to nurse
and feed the tender lambs for him, being filled with the
knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual
understanding that we may walk worthy of the Lord
unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and
increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with
all might according to His glorious power, unto all pa-
tience and long suffering with joyfulness, giving thanks
unto the Father who hath made us meet to be partakers
of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered
us from the power of darkness and hath translated us
into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have
redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of
sins.

Our younger sisters since an interest in the
things that pertain to eternal life and some of them
we believe are enquiring what they shall do to be
saved. We would earnestly exhort such with you
and with us to cherish the convictions of the Holy Spirit
which reproach the world of sin and discover unto
us our sinful state and need of a Saviour. Be encour-
aged to come to Jesus in unfeigned repentance and cast
your selves upon His mercy - forsake all your sinful

pleasures and come to His feet, truly, penitent and in
the awaiting name of Christ Jesus your only Saviour, pray
for pardon, and God, for his dear Son's sake, will forgive
your sins and fill your hearts with joy and peace in
believing. Now by His grace saith the Apostle we have
peace with God through the redemption which is in Christ
Jesus and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost you will be
fitted to take your places in the Church Militant and growing
in grace and in the saving knowledge of the truth as it
is in Jesus you may manifest unto others what a blessed
Saviour you have found, and be instrumental in your several
gifts by the same Spirit in the promotion of the cause
of the Blessed Redeemer to the honor and praise of
His great name. We beseech you by the merits of God that ye
delay no longer, for now is the accepted time and now is
the day of salvation. We are much comforted at this
time by the coming of the Lord's messengers who have
been enabled by the power of His quickening Spirit
to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. May
the seed thus sown in faithfulness and in love fall
into good ground and bring forth fruit in due season
to the exaltation of the great name of the Lord.
We may add that the great Master of Ceremonies has
been graciously pleased to bless our several settings with
His holy presence and power and this unspeakable mercy
we thankfully acknowledge to be above all other
blessings for in His presence is fullness of joy. We have
been favored to transact the important affairs of the
Church in much love.

In conclusion, we bid you farewell in the Lord, and
may the God of all grace who hath called us unto
His eternal Kingdom and glory by Jesus Christ
after that ye have suffered awhile, make you
perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you: to Him be
glory and dominion forever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk.

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister,

The sisterly communications received and read at this time from yours and other Yearly Meetings have been satisfactory and encouraging to us. Many have come to this our Annual Assembly in deep poverty of spirit, under a sense of our unworthiness and inability to appear acceptably before Him who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth for He seeketh such to worship Him. But we have been permitted to rejoice in the assurance that the Lord is still mindful of His people that help is laid upon one that is mighty, that wherever there is a contrite heart and a broken spirit, whether surrounded by many or few, or if sitting solitary and alone, there He is mercifully pleased to vouchsafe His holy presence, to feed the hungering and thirsting soul with food convenient for them, thus refreshing them with bread from His bountiful table. We would encourage all amongst you and us often to retire to the place of waiting, that our spiritual strength may be renewed and we be enabled to follow Him in the way that He is pleased to lead. From sitting to sitting the Son of Heaven has evidently rested upon many hearts that have been filled with joy, and prayer has arisen as incense from the altar of the heart, for ability to labor in the vineyard to the honor of the great husbandman and a tribute of thanksgiving has arisen to Him for having turned the feet of so many of His gospel messengers to the path of the heritage who have been favored slightly to divide the word. While we believe that they have been enabled to preach the Gospel in its fulness, we trust that the hearts of many have been prepared thus to receive it. O may it accomplish that whereunto He hath sent it. Much affectionate counsel has been extended to mothers, tending to remind them of the importance of seeking a right qualification to train their dear children in the fear of the Lord, instructing them thus early to listen to the voice of Jesus who calls them to yield their young hearts unto Him to whom an early sacrifice is acceptable - we would encourage you dear young sisters meekly to submit to

all the turnings and overturnings of His holy hand upon
you, and He will in due time bring you into His ban-
queting house and His banner over you will be love.
We have been impressed with the importance of an
early attention to the things that accompany salvation
in view of the shortness and uncertainty of time
as taught by the recent sudden removal by death of one
of the inmates of our Boarding School, which afflictive
dispensation is fraught with much instruction and
warning to be ready when the Bridegroom cometh
with our lamps trimmed and burning, prepared to
render our account with joy.

Your feeling reference to the condition of the slave,
met a ready response in many minds, much interest
for the suffering and wrongs of that people has been
expressed, and the silent fervent prayer has been of-
fered to the Father of mercies for the deliverance
of the captive and the blessing of them that are
bound.

Finally, dear sisters, farewell - may the grace of the
Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ be with you unto
the end.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

On receiving your very acceptable epistle of last year, our
hearts were made to rejoice in the belief that we were
still united by the Master of Assemblies that he does
graciously condescend to pour us out a blessing and
to feed His children as with the crumbs from His
bountiful table.

We have at this time the acceptable company of many
dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings whose
faith are shed with the preparation of the gospel,

and whose labors of love amongst us have afresh
reminded us "how faithful are right words" and we pec-
evently believe many hearts have been made to acknowledge
surely goodness and mercy have followed us. We would
desire for you as for ourselves that ye be not weary in
well doing remembering the crown is at the end, and
when trials are permitted to come upon you trust in
the Lord for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
He will indeed bless the provision of Zion and satisfy
her poor with bread.

Dear young sisters we would encourage you to faith-
fulness in little things for the promise is to them that
are faithful in the little that they shall be made
rulers over more. The time is hastening when the mothers
who have long borne the burden and heat of the day, will
pass away and the places which now know them will know
them no more. O then be prepared to receive the man-
ths of these dear departed ones. God is requiring
fruit at your hands. He requires the whole heart.
Many are the precious promises recorded in Sacred Writ
for those who labor and faint not.

Our meeting has been large and harmony has pre-
vailed in transacting the weighty affairs of Society.
A solemn covering spread over us on hearing the Re-
port of our Boarding School read, after which verbal
information was given of the late removal by death
of two of its inmates. Also one of the Assistant
Teachers soon after retiring from the school - speaking
the warning language, be ye also ready.

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed
victims of a cruel bondage within our land has
afresh awakened our sympathy. But is not the
Lord omnipotent? May we not distrust the
Sovereign Arm of Power, but committing the
cause of this injured people to Him that judg-
eth righteously, may we in tender commiseration of their
sufferings bear them on our hearts before Him trusting
that in His own time and by His own instrumentality

their deliverance may be accomplished.

And now in much love we bid you farewell commending you to God, who hath called us to glory and virtue.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters

In that love which would gather all to the fountain of living water do we now address you, acknowledging the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of last year. We believe that these epistolary communications are a means by which the bond of true fellowship is preserved and strengthened and we are made helpers one of another through the grace of God. We have at this time been reverently made to believe that it is as we humbly ask in faith for the Divine blessing upon our upright endeavors that we are enabled through Holy help to walk the paths of righteousness to the glory and praise of Him. Seeing that in us dwelleth no good thing, may we bow in humble submission to his revealed will and thereby experience a growth in grace and a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. And let us not become weary in well doing but seeking to build one another up in our most holy faith may we witness a steady advancement in the heavenly journey toward Mount Zion.

We reverently believe that our Lord and Master has not been unmindful of us at this time, but has enabled his servants to feed the flock with food convenient for them, and we desire that a blessing may rest upon their labors, and that the number of the faithful both with you and us may be increased, for truly the harvest is plentiful and calls for devoted laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Being then our gifts dispensed to all, and that sound
and true men to bear a part in the great work before
us, may every member of the militant church endeavor
to fill the allotted sphere of usefulness, and whether
in works of charity or benevolence, in the public advocacy
of the cause of the Redeemer, or in silent inter-
cession with the Father of spirits for the good of our-
selves and the welfare of the church, may we be dili-
gent in our heavenly calling "redeeming the time."

The state of Society having been brought before us
by the answers to the queries, the meeting was favored
with that baptizing power which enabled qualified
servants to go down into the river of judgment,
bringing up precious memorials which have tended to
the edification and comfort of Zion's travellers. The
love of the Gospel has been felt to flow freely amongst
us and warning and encouragement have been
administered, exhorting to a closer walk with God, that
the great end of life may be more fully answered,
and that the peace of God which is of more value
than all earthly treasures may be richly ours.

Our meeting has been large and we have been cheered
with the company of many friends from other Weekly
Meetings, whose labors of love have been to us as a bank
by the way.

The beloved youth many of whom have been in
attendance have been tenderly admonished and en-
couraged in persuasive language to enter in the morn-
ing of life into the service of their Lord.

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed
victims of a cruel bondage within our land, has
aroused our sympathy. But is not the
Lord omnipotent? May we not distrust the Divine
arm of power, but committing the cause of this
injured people to Him that judgeth righteously, may
we in tender commiseration of their sufferings bear
them on our hearts before Him, trusting that in His
own time and by His own instrumentality their deliverance

may be accomplished.

And now, dear sisters, farewell. May the grace of God which bringeth salvation, abound richly abundantly with you and with us, to the praise and glory of His great Name.

Signed by direction and in behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah E. Tobey Clark

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Beloved Sisters,

Your excellent epistle of 1st mo last, awakened in our hearts emotions of sisterly affection and regard. We were reminded of our increasing obligations to our Heavenly Father for his manifold blessings among which we number the sweet interchange of thought, and friendly greeting, as holding a very conspicuous place.

The reading of yours, was accompanied with an evidence that it flowed from the fountain of deep feeling and like the noise of the water spouts, deep answered to deep.

May the counsel and advice contained in your letter upon our hearts that we may become the people of the Lord and may indeed be one, as our Heavenly Shepherd and his Father are One.

The solid deportment of our beloved young sisters has indicated that they have fully understood in the deliberations before us, and the excellent counsel that has been imparted to them thro' favored instruments from time to time.

On this day in all our borders delight in the Son of their Lord cheerfully bearing the Cross of Christ and humbly submitting to His yoke, that they may rejoice the hearts of those who

have borne the burden in the heat of the day - that
they may become plants of renown - plants of his own
right hand planting, that there may be a succession
of standard bearers - that Zion may arise and feet
in her beautiful garments - and become the joy and
praise of the whole earth. And, dear friends, may
unity and harmony prevail, cementing us in love
that in one united body we may become as the
salt of the earth - as a city set on a hill that
cannot be hid.

We have mournfully to record the removal by
death, of several dear friends who have long stood
as men of marks and valiants in Israel. O may
their mantle fall upon some of our Ephraims that
our ranks may be supplied with those who shall
stand faithfully for the law and the testimony.

The company and gospel labors of our beloved
friends from other Quarterly Meetings have been truly
refreshing, which with lively expressions from all our
~~congregations~~^{adherents} sister with whom we correspond, have
afforded serious evidence that the eye of Israel's
unchosen being Shepherd is still upon us for good
and has inspired our hearts with gratitude,
for his kind remembrance and watchful care over
us, though unworthy of the least of his benefits.
May the Lord strengthen you in your sympathy and
suffering for those in bonds and may you be en-
couraged to believe that not one sigh or tear
for the oppressed will be forgotten or one hair be
permitted to fall to the ground without our
Heavenly Father's notice.

May you and me, both young and old be more
and more impressed with the necessity and efficacy
of prayer - and while we feel that of ourselves
we can do nothing, have faith in that strong
arm of Power that can say to the mountains be
removed and be cast into the sea and it shall
be done.

Our meeting this year has been large, and we believe has been mercifully aided by the Great Head of the Church.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, commending you to the Grace of God, with the salutation of love, we bid you Farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

In offering you the salutation of our love, our minds are afresh drawn to commemorate the mercy and loving kindness of our Father in Heaven, who has permitted us again to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity with hearts prepared to acknowledge "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles O Israel." When through mercy we are favored to realize that "the voice of salvation and of rejoicing is to be found in the tabernacles of the Righteous" then, with devout feelings, can the true worshipper exclaim "How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of Hosts."

The reading of your acceptable Epistle together with others from our sisters of different Yearly Meetings, has been refreshing to our spirits, tending to induce the humble tribute of thanksgiving and praise to Him who graciously condescends to show tokens of good to His people. The ministration of His Holy Spirit in its various offices according as the Church hath need, furnishes an exhaustless store of consolation to Believers, enabling them to weep with those that weep and to rejoice with them that do rejoice. Strengthened by its strength they faint not realizing that as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our

consolation who aboundeth by Christ.

In this day of renewed Gospel invitation how easily are we reminded of the importance of heeding our individual calling, in the faithful occupancy of that which has been committed to our trust, that, in the day of solemn reckoning we should be found among the number of such as having disregarded the call are forever denied the rich privilege of sitting at the Lord's table.

Exhortation and counsel hath freely flowed to every class among us, tending to incite to greater diligence in the work and service of the Lord. Brethren, have been comforted and their faith confirmed in the all sufficiency of that Arm of divine power that hath supported the Church in every age of the world.

The beloved youth have been affectionately entreated to give their hearts to the Redeemer, who loveth an early sacrifice. It is to this interesting class, we look with feelings of hopeful interest. May you, dear young sisters, keep in mind that the offering of a broken and a contrite spirit God will not despise. Such sacrifices evidence his goodness in that he first loved us before we loved him, and it is through the contriving power of his love that believers are brought to the feet of the blessed Saviour. Oh precious ones: it is here at the sacred footstool that we invite you to come, here lay down your crowns and all that you have. Cast aside every ornament for the sake of the one of unparalleled worth. That of a meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of the Lord is of great price. In the Gospel of Life and Salvation rich is the provision made for every needy soul, that whether we accept or refuse our accountability is not lessened, but, on the one hand unspeakably blessed it is to accept, while on the other awfully and fearfully solemn it is to refuse. We are led earnestly to desire that

the solemn requisitions of the Gospel may never be lost sight of, by any one - and that the fruits of repentance which accompany salvation may more and more appear amongst us. We hardly know how to turn away from our youthful sisters, the beloved objects of affectionate interest. To who have chosen rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, esteeming the reproaches of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt, remember to keep in view the blessed recompense of reward and then in deciding years, how small will be the retrospect of a life spent in the service of the Lord. Death at the end of such a life, though mercy is but the door of entrance into that glorious City "whose walls are salvation and whose gates are praise".

The apparently hopeless condition of the oppressed victims of a cruel bondage within our land has aroused our sympathy. But is not the Lord omnipotent? Let us not distrust the Divine Arm of power, but committing the cause of this injured people to Him that judgeth righteously may we in tender commiseration of their sufferings, bear them on our hearts before Him, trusting that in His own time and by His own instrumentality, deliverance may be accomplished.

Dear Sisters, farewell, ^{Be steadfastly immovable.} always abounding in the work of the Lord inasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

Being mercifully permitted once more to assemble in a yearly meeting capacity, our hearts have been

turned towards you, and we desire to salute you in the
love of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellow-
ship of the Spirit. Your acceptable Epistle of Jan. last
has been read at this time to our comfort and satisfaction
and we have been led reverently to believe that this epis-
tolary intercourse may be the means, under the Divine
blessing of cementing more closely the bonds of Christian
fellowship which unite us together as the followers of one
Lord, and while we feel our own inability, of ourselves,
for any service in His cause, we are encouraged in believ-
ing that He is ever near and ready to help us, if we
look unto Him in faith and dependence for his blessing.
We feel that you, dear sisters, are peculiarly favoured
in the means of advancement in the path of spiritual
progress. The freedom of your organization finds you free
from many of the weaknesses and hindrances which
naturally and imperceptibly creep into older and longer
established associations. And our desire for you is, that
"being rooted and grounded in love; you may be able
to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth
and length, and depth and height; and to know
the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye
might be filled with all the fulness of God." May your
chief desire be, that the kingdom of our dear Lord
and Saviour may be established in your borders,
and that souls may be gathered unto Him. May
His blessed Word have free course, and be glorified
among you.

Also, our annual assembly, has been large, and as
we reverently believe, has been mercifully owned and
blessed by the great Head of the Church. Our delibera-
tions have been conducted with much harmony, and the
attendance of a large number of dear young friends,
whose serious deportment betokens an interest in the
important concerns of the Church, has been an encour-
agement to us and has given life and animation
to our proceedings. May this interesting class, both
with you and us, be made willing to make an

early covenant with their Saviour, to seek for an interest
in Him and make Him their friend by obedience to
His commands - for has He not graciously and lovingly
said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I
command you." Let us assure you, beloved young
sisters, you will find "His yoke easy, and His
burden light." In His service is perfect freedom -
freedom from the power of temptation and evil,
which abound not only in the world, but in our
unregenerate hearts. Is it not worth a little sac-
rifice to gain the friendship of a being, who is
not only mercifully disposed, but abundantly
able to preserve and to bless us in all the trials
and all the vicissitudes of this uncertain life?
and a sacrifice of what? Nothing that will not
in the end prove hurtful to your best interests.
We are the more desirous to dwell upon this subject
because we fear the difficulties of entering upon a
religious life, have been too much magnified, and
some may, thereby, have been discouraged. Many
a young heart, touched with a sense of the
Saviour's love, feels drawn towards Him, but fears
that if it once yield itself up to Him, some
great sacrifice will be required, that it will
not be enabled to make - (some painful effort,
it knows not what) that there will be no
strength to meet. "Fear not, little flock, for it
is your Father's good pleasure to give you the
Kingdom." And if such is His gracious design,
will he not, think you, help you in the way
to the Kingdom? Simple, childlike faith, a
willing spirit in us are what He requires, and
He, on this part, will lead us on, step by step,
as we are able to move, "first the babe, then
the young man, then the strong man, in Christ
Jesus," till His work is fully accomplished in us.
We have been favoured with the company of
several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings,

and the Gospel of our dear Redeemer has been declared to us in much of its original beauty and simplicity. "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" has been abundantly preached to us, as the only hope of salvation, through faith in His atoning sacrifice, and obedience to His declared will concerning us individually. We have been warmly encouraged to the diligent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, both in our families and in the retirement of our own closets with prayer for the Divine blessing to open them to our understandings. The latter part of our religious meetings has been much dwelt upon, not as a mere lifeless form, but as an inestimable privilege being assured that God delights to meet with his people, however few in numbers, and we have been reminded for our encouragement in our small meetings at home of the gracious declaration of the Saviour, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" - and His promises are sure. They are "yea and amen forever".

We feel glad to hear of the establishment of First-day schools among you - also that you continue to feel a warm interest in the cause of education - that your tract association is doing good, and that your committee in charge of the concerns of some of the Indian tribes and of the people of color are continuing their labors in their behalf. We trust our dear young sisters will feel an interest to cooperate with their elder friends, and lend a helping hand in the great cause of suffering humanity - thus being permitted to work in their Saviour's cause, and imitate His blessed example.

May the God of love and peace be with you -
We remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for accessions at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day, the 16th, and for discipline at Newport, on Second day morning, the 17th of sixth month, 1861.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:—

From Rhode Island—Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Peckham, Hannah C. Robinson, Ruth B. Buffington, Mary A. Smith, Anna T. Dennis, Ruth Anthony, Anna Howland and Lulielma Trickett.

From Salem—Elizabeth Gore, Mary E. Breed, Avis Keene, Paulah W. Rogers, Sabina A. Page, Mary Nichols, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Cynthia W. Huntington and Hannah Sage.

From Sandwich—Rhoda H. Taber, Dorcas T. Tucker, Maria B. Smith, Elizabeth Dillingham, Mary Sifford, Susan Howland, Elizabeth C. Wing, Rebecca A. Church and Ruth H. Baker.

From Falmouth—Jane C. Minot, Lydia Winslow, Thelie H. Cobb, Eunice J. Rich and Thelie Fry.

From Smithfield—Lucy T. Collins, Margaret Taft, Ruth W. Bailey, Joanna W. Grover, Mary R. Hadwen and Elizabeth W. Babcock.

From Vassalboro'—Ann Jones, Martha Austin, Rebecca Taber, Fanny Cole, Nancy H. Pinkham, Anna Bates, Hannah T. Jenkins, Lydia R. Taber, Sarah E. Jones and Ann E. Lang.

From Dover—Hannah Merrell, Abigail M. Hansen, Hannah W. Meader, Sam. Hoag and Hannah T. Kirt.

Salem. Fairfield. - Hannah's Day, Eunice H. Farr,
Sarah S. Simpson, Eunice Winslow
and Hannah R. King; -

whose names being called, they were all present except five; for the absence of three, satisfactory reasons were given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting was united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of William V. Richardson, and in the appointment of Elizabeth T. Chace and Ruth Chace to the station of Elder; and with Swansey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth D. Sifford to the same station; and that the following Friends have deceased during the past year, viz.:- John Meader, a Minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, 6th mo. 7th 1860, aged 62 years, 7 months and 4 days; Hannah Gould, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, 7th mo. 7th 1860, aged 80 years 6th mo. 1st day; Susan Ann Buffum, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, 3rd mo. 5th 1861, aged 72 years 10 months and 6 days; and Anna Stove, an Elder and member of Swansey Monthly Meeting, 8th mo. 19th 1860, aged 78 years, 8 months and 25 days.

Salem reports that David Dow, a member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the station of Elder, died 5th mo. 26, 1860, aged 78 years, 4 months and 28 days; that Ruth Bassett, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 7th mo. 5th 1860, aged 78 years, 3 months and 9 days; and that Mary Chace, a member of the same meeting, a minister, deceased 4th mo. 26th 1861, aged 55 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Sandwich informs that it has united with Easton Monthly Meeting in the appointment

of Moses Smith, Maria S. Smith, and Huldah Sifford to the station of Elder; that Waukeget Monthly Meeting has accepted from Christopher C. Hussey, late a minister and member of that monthly meeting, a resignation of his right of membership; and that Mary B. Tarnum, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, died 1st mo. 27th 1861, aged 87 years.

Falmouth reports that Anna Purinton, an Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting died 11th mo. 7th 1860, aged 92 years, 6 months and 14 days; and Naomi S. Parker, an Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo. 25th 1859, aged 53 years, 5 months.

Vassalboro' informs that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rachel B. Hussey, Sarah Jones and Hannah S. Jenkins to the station of Elder, and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in appointing Elizabeth S. Cook to the same station; that Abijah Newhall, an Elder and member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting died 10th mo. 6th 1860, aged 80 years, 9 months and 5 days; and that Peace Moulton, an Elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting, deceased 4th mo. 11th 1861, aged 58 years, 7½ months.

Interesting epistles from our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read, and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and, as way opens for it, prepare essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz.:-

Chris Keene, Susan Howland, Sybil Jones, Rhoda H. Taber, Phoebe R. Gifford, Lydia Congdon, Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Lewis Osborn, Mary S. Bradford, Olivia C. Oliver, Elizabeth Gere, Abby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Rebecca C. Timman, Jane C. Minot, Annie S. Wood, Abigail C. Breckinridge, S. Collins, Elizabeth C. King, Sarah Sisson,

Cecilia A. Robinson, Mercy H. May, Fanny Cole,
Lydia Brown, Cecelia J. Tucker, Eunice A. Boyce,
Julia H. Rogers, Mary Bailey, Ruth H. Baker,
Ann Elmira King, Sarah J. Foley, Sarah J. Samp-
son and Anna E. Dennis.

We appoint Susan Howland, Mary E. Breed,
Elizabeth A. Osborne and Eliza B. Boyce to
prepare a summary from the answers to the
Queries, to present to a future sitting of this
Meeting.

We feel this morning to have been a season
of favor—one in which we believe many hearts
have been humbled before the Lord, in view
of His great mercy, in permitting us to as-
semble again in this place to worship Him,
and to transact the affairs of the Church;
and while we are comforted and strength-
ened by the presence of some dear aged sis-
ters, who have come up under many discour-
agements, in declining strength and bending
under the weight of years, to unite with us
yet once more, in the performance of the du-
ties that may devolve upon us, we have, on
the other hand, to mourn the absence of many
beloved sisters, of whom it must be said,—

The places that have known them on earth,
shall know them no more forever. Surely, it
would seem that the Lord has, in a remarkable
manner, during the past year, been gathering
His chosen ones home to Heaven. Some who
have long been as upright pillars in this
house,—who have guided us by their counsel
and instructed us by their precepts,—have
come to their grave in a full age, like as a
sheaf of corn cometh in, in his season.

Others have been called away in the midst
of their days, and some in the morning of
life, teaching us that no age is exempt; but

but that at such time as we think not, we too
may be called away; and may those trials, afflic-
tions and changes "be with blessing come", as to
awaken in us renewed and earnest desires to be
found walking in that way which leadeth to
everlasting life.

Adjourned to the time new friends may meet this afternoon.

Second day afternoon. - Met agreeably to adjournment.

Susan Howland, on behalf of the Representatives,
reported that they were united in proposing Sarah F.
Tolsey, for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce, for Assistant
Clerk, which being satisfactory to the meeting, they
are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Hearing at this Meeting, the acceptable company
of our beloved friend John Hodgkin, from England,
satisfactory certificates have been read from Sees
and Chichester Monthly Meetings, held 3^{mo}. 21, 1861;
the Quarterly Meetings of Sussex, Surrey, Hamp-
shire and part of Dorsetshire, held at Brighton,
the 28th of 3^{mo}. 1861; and from the Meeting of Min-
isters and Elders of the Yearly Meeting of Friends,
held in London, acting on behalf of the Society
throughout Great Britain, the 28th of 3^{mo}. 1861,
expressing unity with him as a Minister of
the Gospel, and with his present religious
engagement.

We have also, the acceptable company of our
beloved friend Joel Pease, of Red. Cedar
Monthly Meeting, Iowa; David Tatum, of
Bridgeport Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Sarah
Ann Linton, of Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio,
and Esther C. Weeks, of Chappaqua Monthly
Meeting, New York; satisfactory certifi-
cates from their several Meetings expressive
of unity with them as Ministers, and with
their present religious engagement, were re-
ceived and read.

Our beloved friend Robert W. Hodson of
Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion
to our friend David Tatum; Rhoda G. Hadley,
companion to our friend Sarah Ann Linton,
of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and
Stephen Wood, of Chappagua Monthly Meeting,
New York, accompanying our friend Esther
C. Weeks, being present at this meeting, sat-
isfactory certificates from their respective
Meetings have been read, expressive of
unity with them as Elders, and with
their present engagements.

We have also, the acceptable company of
our beloved friend Phoebe Ann Weedon, of
Bullemetts Monthly Meeting, New York,
companion to our friend Esther C. Weeks,
and a satisfactory certificate from the Monthly
Meeting of which she is a member, has been read,
expressing unity with her as a Minister, and
with her present engagement.

We have also, in attendance at this time, sev-
eral other dear friends from neighboring Yearly
Meetings, whose company is truly acceptable to
us.

The Minutes of last year have been read.
Adjourned to 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Third day morning. - Met at 10 o'clock, and
entered upon the consideration of the state
of Society, by reading the Answers to the Queries,
with a Summary prepared therefrom, and
proceeded as far as the 5th, inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Third day afternoon. - Met at 4 o'clock.
The remaining Queries and Answers have been read,
and in consideration of this important part of the
business that has claimed our attention, we have

been made thankful for the solemn evening spent with us, and the evidence manifestly afforded of pious servants being qualified to impart salutary counsel on account of the deficiencies which are apparent among us.

The answer to the first query, from our subordinate meetings, manifesting a want of engagement with some in the due attendance of our religious meetings, has awakened a deep concern in many minds, and earnest and impressive appeals have been made to us not to neglect this great and important duty.

If we were sensible of the boundless, matchless love of Him, who spared not His own Son, who, though he has spared us for hours, for days and years, yet spared He not Him, but offered Him a sacrifice for us, - who now liveth our Mediator and Intercessor with the Father; if we really felt the full force of this boundless love, could we neglect one opportunity of assembling to worship Him, to wait upon Him, and to praise His great and excellent name for all His blessings? And we have been tenderly encouraged to believe that, even if the number assembled be small, and though there may be no vocal offering, yet, as we are convened to meet in the name of Jesus, we shall experience Him who is the teacher of teachers and the Minister of Ministers, to be in our midst.

One of these opportunities unimproved is lost to us; it can never be recalled. Our days are passing rapidly away; the time that we shall be permitted to continue in this state of being is known only to Him, who has in His matchless mercy spared us so long. May we be concerned to spend it to His glory and honor.

The subject of unprofitable reading has been feelingly alluded to. Mothers have -

been exhorted to select carefully from the abundant publications of the present day for their beloved daughters, whom they desire to see growing up as plants of the Lord's right hand planting, and as willows by the water courses, - those precious treasures, which we have no right to call our own, but who are lent us for a season, and who it should be our care and concern to train with the Divine blessing, both for this life and for the life which is to come. And our dear young friends have been entreated not to spend their precious time in light and trifling reading, believing that they sustain a loss thereby, and that it often leaves an impression upon the mind, that many years cannot efface.

A call seems to have afresh gone forth to this interesting portion of our beloved Society, some of whom are most acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, to give themselves up more fully to serve the Lord; not to put their confidence in broken cisterns, upon which it is legibly inscribed that they can hold no water, but to come, come even now, to the well-spring of life and drink of that water of which our blessed Savior himself declared, "Whoso drinketh thereof shall never thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The subject of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, and indeed oftener than a daily perusal of this sacred volume, has been most interestingly presented to us at this time, - those blessed truths which were given us by inspiration, - and we have been reminded that they are the record that God has given of His dear Son; that they have been miraculously preserved and handed down for our instruction,

and are profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that they are a mine of wealth. The deeper it is digged the more precious the ore becomes and of which the apostle testifies that are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The following is a summary of the answers received - viz:
Answer 1st - Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended with the exception of some small ones, which in several instances have been omitted, mostly on account of the inclemency of the weather, sickness and bad travelling. Those on First days have been generally attended by most of our members, while those in the middle of the week have been neglected by some. The hour has been generally observed. Mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behavior. Three of the Quarterly Meetings report that some care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans. 2^d - Love and unity have been in good measure maintained, and most Friends have been careful to guard against detraction. One Quarterly Meeting reports that a manifest want of love and unity is apparent in a few, on account of which some care has been extended. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans. 3^d - There appears to be a care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, to restrain them from profane reading and corrupt conversation and to be exemplary themselves, yet there are deficiencies with some in maintaining our testimonies in these respects. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Ans. 4th - Careful in the several particulars of this query.

Ans. 5th.— The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved. Their education partake of learning and we know of none placed from among friends.

Ans. 6th.— Friends are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, yet there have been several instances of marrying and one of keeping company out of the order of our Society where some care has been extended.

Ans. 7th.— Friends are generally careful in the several particulars of this query. One Quarterly Meeting states that in a few instances a faithful testimony has not been borne against the payment of priests' wages, where some care has been taken.

Ans. 8th.— Friends appear to be generally careful in these respects.

Ans. 9th.— Care has been taken in regard to records. Several removals without certificates some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10th.— Friends appear to be careful to deal with offenders agreeable to the requisitions of this query. Three accounts state that there has been some delay in the discharge of this duty. Judgment appears to have been placed in good measure according to discipline.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and the Committee reappointed who served last year.

The Report is as follows, viz:—

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, report: That for the Summer term of the School there were admitted 131 scholars, 72 males and 59 females; and for the Winter term, 119 scholars, 77 males and 42 females. It will be remembered that at our last Yearly

Meeting verbal information was communicated relative to the occurrence, early in the summer term, of severe sickness and death. At that time the number of scholars was very much reduced, but after the interval of a few weeks the greater part returned, reaching 109 of the former number, viz: 67 males and 42 females. As the statements made at that time were very minute, we would now simply inform that the sickness, so far as it respects the scarlet fever, was confined principally to the two cases that proved fatal.

We have continued to feel from time to time, tender sympathy for the afflicted parents, with desires that He who bindeth up the broken-hearted may be their support and consolation. We trust that their great loss is gain to the dear departed children, and that these solemn events were sanctified to many. Amid the sore trials we passed through, we had cause humbly and gratefully to acknowledge an overruling Hand of Mercy.

Our friends, Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, acceptably served the Institution, as Principals, until the close of the Summer term, when the impaired health of the latter rendered it necessary for them to resign their responsible trust. They were assisted by the following teachers, viz: John E. Rowell, Horrick C. Goodman, Elma Dame, and Lois Anna Greene, in the English branches; Henry K. Pinkham, in mathematics; Robert Henry Duncan, in the Greek and Latin languages; Alphonse Renaud, in French and German; and Mary A. Potter, in Drawing.

At the close of the Summer term, eleven scholars, having completed the course of study as prescribed by the rules of the School were presented with duly authenticated diplomas

of scholarship. This occasion was also marked by the termination of our official connection with Joseph and Gertrude W. Garland, who were instrumental in introducing this more extended and systematic course of instruction. For five years they faithfully and successfully served the Institution, and we recur to this period with much satisfaction, with desires that retirement and rest may restore our dear friend to health and continued usefulness.

Our former arrangements having proved satisfactory, it appeared desirable to continue the same on a similar plan. We were enabled to carry out our views in a modified form, by a contract entered into with Albert H. Smiley, who, with his wife, Eliza S. Smiley entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents.

The Winter term opened with the following as a Board of Instructors:-

Albert H. Smiley } Principals.

Eliza S. Smiley }

Wm. H. Smiley, Associate Principal.

John T. Rowell }

Rufus Read }

Rebecca H. Smiley }

Ruth P. Nichols }

Teachers of English Branches.

Joseph W. Congdon, Assistant Teacher of Greek & Latin.

Dr. Henry Enders, Teacher of French and German.

Mary A. Foster, Teacher of Drawing.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House, on First Day mornings, with a few exceptions consequent upon the sick leave in the summer. At that time, the scholars who remained availed themselves of the First day morning meeting in the city, which

They usually attend on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week. The meetings at the School House have been attended in nearly every instance, by members of the committee or other Friends, and we trust they have been seasons of favor and of interest.

The number of the scholars for the past year, with the exceptions already referred to, has been remarkably good.

Instruction in the Holy scriptures has formed a part of the regular school exercises, and a concern has been cherished to discharge our duty in every respect towards the youth committed to our care, in harmony with our religious profession, and in dependence upon His blessing, who is Head over all.

The accounts of the Institution having been audited exhibit the following result for the past year:

The receipts for tuition &c. with $\$4.19\frac{95}{100}$ of the income from the Fund, have paid all the expenses of the establishment. The remainder of the income has been expended for insurance and interest, and $\$165\frac{9}{100}$ towards the reduction of the debt, leaving the present indebtedness of the Institution, $\$1500$.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz.: $\$40$. per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $\$60$. for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $\$90$. for any others, payable in advance.

That $\$5$ additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee
Surinam, 5th mo. 7th 1861. Gilbert Condon, Clerk

Regulations of the School Committee

"If the number to be admitted is limited to eight of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meetings, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3^d and 9th months - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance. It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the

services, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others visiting the school; will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address Albert H. Smiley,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

The recently printed Epistle of 1860, has been acceptably read, and we desire that the excellent counsel it contains may find a place in every heart.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning. Met at 10 o'clock.

A testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, John Meader, has been read.

His righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. How instructive is the record of the dedication of this servant of the Lord, who early heard his Master's call and obeyed it, and through a long life of active usefulness, counted nothing too near nor too dear to part with for His blessed name's sake.

May his bright example of continued and unwavering faithfulness to manifested duty, stimulate us, his survivors, steadily to follow on in that path which may be pointed

out to us to walk in, since it is only in the unflinching obedience of faith so eminently experienced

by our dear departed friend that we can hope to be united ere long, to that blessed company

whom John saw - "Who come out of great tribulation, who had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," and of

when it is desired, they shall range no more north or south any more. For the same which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Fourth day afternoon. Met near the 4th hour. Essays of Epistles to our sisters of Ohio and New-York Yearly Meetings have been read and approved.

A testimony of Anti-Slavery Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Joseph Davis, has been read. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" The concern of this dear friend to live in strict accordance with the dictates of truth, the purity of his life, and his careful walk with God, are indeed worthy of our imitation. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God."

The Clerk is directed to cause to be printed the Minutes of this Meeting, together with the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, and forward them to our subordinate Meetings.

Adjourned to the time men Friends may meet tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, 6th month 26th, met agreeably to adjournment.

The Report of the Committee on Education, has been read and accepted, and is as follows viz:
To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report:

That, as in former years, circulars have been addressed to the correspondents in our several Monthly Meetings, asking for statistical infor-

matter, which having been kindly furnished by you.
 The following summary has been compiled therefrom:
 Number of children, in the Yearly Meeting between the
 ages of four and twenty one years 1297

Number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
" " Preparative " "	1
" " Family Schools	6
" " Friends children who have attended School the past year	1127
" " Friends' children who have attended school taught by Friends or under their control	292
" " Members of the Yearly Meeting who have taught School the past year	121
" " Members who, in obtaining an Education at Academies and Colleges, are placed out from among Friends	10
" " First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends	36
Average continuance of these schools about 6 mos.	
" " Pupils attending the same	907
" " Friends' children attending the same	477
" " Bible Classes of Friends besides First Day Scholars	12
" " Friends attending Bible Classes	147

The general subject of the guarded education of the
 youth of this Yearly Meeting, the promotion of
 which has been more especially delegated to this
 Committee, has claimed our serious attention, and
 its magnitude and importance have seemed to
 rise in our estimation in proportion to the ad-
 vancement made which, however slow, we think
 was seen sure, of later years.

While the situation of many of our members
 in seattered locations has operated, with other
 causes, to discourage them from an effort to
 form select schools for the education of their
 children, yet, with this class, an evidently
 increasing interest is felt for the guarded

training of their beloved offspring; and we are desirous that the advantages now offered by our Boarding School at Providence, should be enjoyed to their full extent by this most interesting portion of our Society.

We can still, with great confidence, recommend this institution to the patronage and support of Friends; and the benefits resulting to their children from the course of instruction here provided at so small a cost, we think will largely repay parents for the necessary sacrifice. We are also favorably impressed by the accounts received of the successful operation of "Oak Grove Seminary," at Vassalboro'. Upon the subject of scriptural instruction, we can report an encouraging progress during the past year. Not only is an additional number of schools in operation, but in some of these simple, but highly useful auxiliaries, greater interest has been manifested. Parents and elder friends have been more frequently in attendance, and their presence, and in some instances hearty co-operation, have in no small degree contributed to the usefulness of the schools.

On behalf of the Committee,

Signed, Stephen Dillingham.

Newport, 6th mo. 19th, 1861."

And we appoint the Friends who served last year, with the exception of Lydia Brown in the place of Christine Macy, deceased, to unite with a similar committee of more Friends, in giving attention to this subject; and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year.

Essays of Epistles to our dear sisters at London, Dublin, Baltimore, North Carolina,

Indian and Western Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Sarah Ann Smith, viz:
"Our beloved friend Sarah Ann Smith, attended this meeting. Her company and religious service have been acceptable to us;" and similar ones for Esther C. Weeks and Irene Ann Needham.

The following minute has been prepared for our friend Rhoda G. Hadly, viz:

"Our beloved friend Rhoda G. Hadly attended this meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The business of the meeting is closed; the hour for us to separate has come. We with union are the issues of life, who we humbly trust has watched over our deliberations from sitting to sitting, and graciously given us to feel a portion of his life giving presence, alone knoweth how many of us will be permitted to assemble here again. May we remember one another for good, and may our hearts often recur to this season of divine favor with gratitude to God for the distillings of his heavenly dew which we have so eminently experienced at this time.

We conclude, purposing to meet again, at this place, at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Epistles

From the first and second Yearly Meeting of women
in the United States at Newport on Rhode Island by ad-
justments from the 1st of 6 months to the 30th of
the same inclusive, 1861.

To London Yearly Meeting of women Fri. A.
Dear Sisters

Your acceptable and instructive
epistles of 1860 & 1861 have been read at this time
bringing you to our remembrance in the first-
glorings of gospel love and causing us uncer-
tainly to feel the value to the church of this epistolary
intercourse, by which the christian bond is strength-
ened. May we with you, beloved sisters, appreciate
this blessing which has been preserved to us
from the use of our Society to the present
day, and which has been so faithfully main-
tained through suffering and persecution.

May give us, dear sisters, that we may be
strengthened of the Lord in this day of im-
pending trials and afflictions, to maintain
faithfully our various christian testimonies, as
the devoted humble followers of a meek and
lowly Saviour. While we have cause to fear that
we have lived too much at ease in Lion under
our high and holy profession, we would reverently
pray that the spirit of supplication might be
poured out upon us and that we might be enabled
in living faith to look upon Him whom we have
joined with many sorrows, bearing upon our
spirits the life, the example, the sufferings and
the death of Christ, and in this day of visitation
of outrage and of wrong from without in our
beloved country. know Him who is the resur-
rection and the life to reign and to rule in
our hearts.

We can feelingly unite with you in the im-

important and deeply interesting concern that we may, in our social gatherings, keep in view our 'Spiritual profit', that a watch may be kept against unprofitable conversation that these may be made seasons of instruction in which the minds of the dear young people may be drawn from that which is vain and trifling to a love of the truth and to the enjoyment of those things which pertain to their everlasting peace.

The interest that is manifested in imparting scriptural instruction and in the frequent reading of the holy scriptures both in our families and in retirement before the Lord has been comforting and encouraging. May these efforts and these desires increase amongst us and be blessed to us.

A testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend John Spleader, has been read at this time, humbling and comforting our minds with a sense of His mercy and power who called this dear friend into His service in early life and who enabled him through many trials and changes in faithful obedience to Him so to run as finally to obtain.

We have been favored with the acceptable company and religious services of our dear friend John Hodgkins from your land and several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose gospel labors have been truly refreshing, affording a renewed evidence of the superintending watchful care of the Holy Head of the Church in planting and watering in this part of His vineyard, and many have been the prayers we devoutly believe, that the blessed fruit brought forth may remain and increase that the design of the great and good Father may be manifest to the glory of God the Father.

In grateful commemoration of past and present mercies inter unsigned we bid you affectionately farewell and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters

Under a renewed sense of the beauty and strength of that love which emanates from the Father and pours into of love, we are drawn at this time to salute you - acknowledging the truth, that the waters of tribulation can neither quench or lessen this love, of which we have been so largely partakers in our different sittings.

Sweet indeed is this union with each other and communion with Him; for we, being baptized into the name and nature of the Father, become children of the same by adoption and can cry "Abba Father".

The true Minister of Ministers has, we trust been with us and we have, we believe, felt the circulating life and power of the love of Christ. It being now our lot as a nation to be visited with the scourge of war in our lands, we are brought to feel the great necessity of having an abiding place in the Rock of Ages - a refuge to flee unto when "the powers that be are in hostile array" - and also the need of watchfulness and prayer - that "we keep the door of our lips", that we uphold at all times that most holy rule of our Saviour to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us - and in this trying state wherein we feel that all have indeed need to know where they stand and on what they rest, we are brought to remember your instructive example as a society in a similar political disturbances in your own land many years past, and how the arm of the Almighty preserved you from danger and death.

How have we coveted an entire trust in God who has promised that He will keep all them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Him.

Your Epistle of the present year has been -

received and read at this time, by which we are comforted and strengthened to hold on our way by faith in Him, who is our captain and from whom we receive every fresh supply of true bread to nourish the soul and keep it alive in God. We have at this meeting the very acceptable testimony of diverse Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have been dipped into exercise with us for an increase with Mothers of the true Spirit of prayer for their children, and that they improve every night opening in their tender minds to lead them to the Saviour, encouraging them to faithful-ness in every known duty, either in devotion to their Heavenly Father or in those which may be esteemed of minor importance.

Thus, with many other subjects, has claimed the attention of the faithful laborers amongst us.

We are bowed in gratitude for these fresh showers of gospel love, and feel that now we can say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.
Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters

Being mercifully permitted yet once again to assemble in this our annual gathering, for the public worship of our Heavenly Father and for the transaction of the important affairs of the church, our hearts have been turned towards you, beloved Sisters and we desire to offer you our salutation in the love of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Spirit.

Your acceptable epistle of the present year has been read among us at this time to our comfort and satisfaction, and we have been led to desire

that this epistolary intercourse may be increasing, blessed to the cementing more closely the bonds of Christian fellowship, which unite together the true disciples of our common Lord & Saviour, wherever situated.

Your expression of the feelings attending your minds upon convening in your late Yearly meeting meets a fitting response in our own hearts. The peculiar and unaccustomed trials by which we are surrounded, call upon us for the exercise of a deeper and firmer faith in the overruling Providence of God, without whose notice not a sparrow even faileth to the ground.

While wars and rumors of wars are heard on every side, while perplexities and trials attend us, may we be concerned to gather nearer and yet more near, to the place where prayer is wont to be made - to the footstool of our merciful Father in Heaven, then humbly to ask for an increase of faith and love and wisdom for ourselves; and that He who can cause even the wrath of man to praise Him, will be pleased to hasten the day when wars and oppression shall cease, when the swords shall be beaten into ploughshares and the spears into pruning-hooks, and that blessed peace, which flows from a perfect obedience to His just and holy laws, be granted to our borders.

We also sympathize deeply with you in your sorrow in noticing the many places left vacant by the departure of beloved and valued mothers in Israel. With us too, the past year has been a time when the call seems peculiarly to have gone forth "Gather together unto me my saints and those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice"; yet while our hearts have been sad within us as we have looked in vain for the beloved forms we were wont to see, and have

realized that the places which once bore them still
knew them no more forever; we have even made thanks
to God that many of them were spared to us so long,
and that their precepts and examples still live in
our remembrance, so that "though dead, they yet speak
to us", in tones of encouragement and love. And we
greatly desire that the passing mantles of these
dear and venerated friends may rest upon us who
remain yet a little longer, that we too may be
strengthened to work in the vineyard of our Master,
doing His holy will, and be made instrumental in
our several allotments, in gathering souls unto God.

Our meeting has been large and, as we devoutly
believe, owned and blessed by the great Head of the
Church. We gratefully acknowledge as a special mark
of His favor the love and harmony which have
prevailed in our deliberations. We have had the
acceptable company of our friend, John Hodgkin
from England, and of several other ministers from
neighboring Yearly Meetings.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the
doctrine of faith in His mediation and atonement
and of reliance on the guidance of His Holy
Spirit has been proclaimed to us by some of these
His servants and messengers. The duty of attending
our meetings for worship has been much dwelt upon.

Though not a word may be spoken therein, yet if
our minds are rightly directed to Him who is the Head
of our assemblies, the true Minister of Ministers, we
may often go away refreshed and comforted.

The duty, the necessity, the comfort of prayer! How
fitting that in the morning we should raise to
God the eyes that He has opened, and the voices
that He has attuned, and entreat His guidance
through the cares and trials of the coming day;
and then touching the thought that during the
sleeping hours of unconsciousness He has kept
us in perfect peace and safety. At evening

men getting that we should return thanks for
the blessing of preservation and direction through
the day, and ask his protecting care through the
hours of darkness and rest. How fitting that at
all times, and in all the occurrences of the day,
we should habitually lift our hearts to Him in
prayer or in thanksgiving. The reading of the
Holy Scriptures, they which testify of Him, and
which are able through faith which is in Christ
Jesus, to make us wise unto salvation. Oh
Dear Sisters, let us neglect none of these divinely
appointed means for our progress in our minds.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.
Signed in witness and by direction of the meeting.

Sarah A. Tobey Clark

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters:

In the unity and fellowship of the
ever blessed Truth we would affectionately salute
you, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptance
and interesting epistle of 10th mo. last, the reading of
which was comforting and encouraging to the
exercised love ever Lovers, introducing us into
a measure of feeling with you, and permitting
us at times in this our epistolary correspondence
to drink from the same cup and to be baptized
into that oneness of spirit, which enables us to
speak the same language, "peace on earth and
goodwill to men". In coming to this our annual
assembly, our minds have been bowed in humble
adorance before the Father of all our mercies,
that through His helping Hand we may be
enabled to transact the concerns of the Church
that come before us, in condescension, and offer
unto Him from the altar of our hearts an
acceptable offering of the fruits of the Spirit.

that we may be partakers of that peace which remains
to the recompense of the faithful of every age.

The very unhappy state in which our beloved
country is sorrowfully involved, calls for much deep
indwelling of spirit, which alone can preserve us
in an humble trust and confidence in Him who
will sustain and uphold, when the storms of
this probationary life may seem to beat vehemently
upon us. We feel much tender sympathy with you
our beloved sisters, in the very trying position in
which you are placed, and fervent have been our
aspirations that He who doeth all things well
will by the counsel of his wisdom strengthen
you with ability to hold fast the profession of
our faith without wavering even amid confusion,
tumult and the roaring of cannon. May all these
things pass over you without harming you.

We read that Moses, the servant of the Lord, always
retired to the tabernacle for deliberation in doubtful
and disputed questions, and fled to prayer for
aid in times of danger. May you with us in
seasons of conflict, retire in humble faith to the
temple of the heart, and in fervent prayer make
known our requests to the Lord, the living God,
believing we are often permitted to receive an
answer from the Divine oracle, instructing in
things present and things to come. May you,
beloved sisters, be encouraged in faith to adopt
the language "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us,"
helped by His holy name.

We have been feelingly reminded at this time,
of the removal by death of many beloved friends,
since last convened, who had long been engaged
in the Master's service faithfully discharging
the varied and responsible duties which had
devolved upon them as members of the Militant
Church and to whom the language may be
applied "Thou hast come to thy grave in a full

age like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.

Our Yearly Meeting has been an interesting one, and we have been favored with the acceptable company of John Hodgkin from England and other dear friends from different Yearly Meetings on this Continent, whose gospel labors of love have been refreshing to us, and we humbly trust have been mercifully favored to feel we have in a good degree been earned by the Master of Assemblies, and have been made to partake together at His bounteous table.

With the salutation of endeared love we remain your sisters.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:
Dear Friends:

Our feelings have been solemnized in coming together in consideration of renewed mercies, that while those who come to the grave in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season, are gathered into the heavenly garner, the Church militant continues to be remembered of the Lord for good, in that He graciously condescends from time to time to bless the provision of Zion and satisfy his poor with bread, that the souls that seek Him can livingly rejoice in His favor, with an abiding sense of obligation to Him, whose we are and from whom cometh all that we have.

And while, dear sisters, we are drawn to view earnestly the best gifts, let us remember that as these are increasingly conferred, the amount of our responsibility is thereby increased, in grateful recollection of which

the believing soul is often brought to query, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?"

How humbling is the consideration of being bought with a price. And how it should lead us to look continually to Him who paid the price, when in His own body He suffered, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. The Church being His purchased inheritance, strong is His claim upon individual members. Every one of them having a place assigned by Him, in which by faithfulness, He, the glorified Head, is to be honored; how watchful, how prayerful should each member be, looking continually to Him as the servant of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, remembering that "blessed is that servant whom His Lord when He cometh shall find so doing."

In affectionate interest and tender sympathy we are drawn to address you at this time and acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle of last year, to the language of which we can feelingly respond, in that deep caldath unto deep, as in rapid succession wave after wave is permitted to assail with an aspect threatening to overwhelm. But how unspeakably precious is the assurance renewed to the Believer that "when thou passest through the waters I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Let us then take courage and earnestly seek to have our faith renewed in the all sufficiency of that arm of Divine power which hath never failed the righteous, and which from time to time hath proven to them that "the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His." In this day of trial and of gloominess, when the judgments of the Lord are abroad in the earth, here are we reminded that in Christ and in Him alone, our Rock and foundation, can

a hiding place to be found, and were in this strong hold, though the archers may shoot and sorely grieve, yet they are not permitted to prevail "for the Lord and His followers shall have the victory". Then let us pray fervently that the inhabitants of the earth may learn righteousness of Him who is the repairer of breaches and restorer of paths to dwell in", that by the intervention of His power our beloved country may be spared the continuance of the desolating scourge of war. We feel that in an especial manner it is both the duty and privilege of Christians everywhere to pray and not to faint, according as our blessed Lord taught.

Mothers may render service to their Lord and confer rich blessings upon their children by availing themselves of this high and holy privilege. And thus, dear sisters, may we not hope that by a steadfast abiding in the faith that gives victory and overcomes the world, that there will be seen an increased number of valiants in His cause, emboldened in the meekness of the Lamb to proclaim "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to men". We have been favored at this time with the company of our dear friend John Hedgkin from England and several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose gospel labors have been truly refreshing. In grateful commemoration of past and present mercies, in love unfeigned, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed in behalf and by direction of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina Society Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Friends:

The least it is under a renewed sense of the loving kindness and tender mercy of our Father in Heaven who has permitted us once more to assemble in quietness and peace to hold our annual solemnity, that we attempt to address you at this time.

In our coming together we have afresh felt the loss which we have sustained in the removal from our sight of upright pillars in the Church and true members in Israel, yet while we mourn the departure of these, our blessed assurance is abundantly afforded, that they have been gathered to the just of all generations, and as - shocks of corn fully ripe, in the enjoyment of the full ripeness of their crops, are now treasured in the heavenly garner of the great Husbandman. Although we have received no communication from you at this time, our hearts have turned towards you with deep and heartfelt sympathy and desires have arisen that in this day of darkness and gloomings, of trial and conflict, you may know your foundation to be upon the Rock Christ Jesus, against which nothing will ever be suffered to prevail.

After years of quietness and security our beloved country is now visited by the awful scourge of civil war.

May our ancient testimony to the peaceable nature of the Gospel as promulgated by the Prince of Peace himself and exemplified by his daily life whose birth was ushered in by the angelic anthem "peace on earth and good will to men", be still faithfully maintained amongst us.

Never perhaps in the history of our time was there more need of the individual application of the injunction of our blessed Lord, "Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation". The watchword of the day is prayer. Let us seek therefore to gather to the place of true waiting, where we may experience a qualification for the exercise of this blessed

cise, for by it are all the graces of the Christian kept in exercise, and his spiritual armor bright. Many are the gracious promises in Holy Writ to those who casting away all confidence in the "arm of flesh" and realizing for themselves that "vain is the help of man", place their whole trust and confidence in the Lord alone. "Did ever any trust in the Lord and be confounded?"

"The Lord shall keep them. He shall deliver them from the wicked and save them, because they trust in Him". Thus watchful, prayerful and trusting in the Lord, we shall be enabled to say with the Psalmist, "In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion, and in the shadow of His wings will I make my refuge until these calamities be overpast".

In our meetings at this time, we trust the gathering influence of the Shepherd of Israel, whose arm is extended to the lambs of the flock, has been felt amongst us. May they in the bloom and freshness of their life, yield their hearts in unreserved obedience to the call of their loving Savior. And may we all, dear Sisters, be renewedly animated and encouraged to press forward in the Heavenly race, and though at times the way may seem difficult and the dangers great, yet if we are truly of the fold of Christ, we have His gracious promise, "So I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend John Hodgkin from England and several dear friends from other Society Meetings. Their labors of love have been strengthening to us.

And now in the words of Moses to Israel of old we bid you affectionately farewell.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord

make His face shine upon thee and I graciously will thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give
thee peace."

Signed in behalf and by direction of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
Dear Friends:

Once more we have been permitted
to assemble under a solemnizing feeling that the
great Head of the Church still graciously condescends
to preside over our assemblies with the desire that
He will be pleased to own us as a part of His body
the Church, to bless our coming together and direct
our hearts. We have remembered those who have been
wont to meet with us at this interesting season,
who have been called from work to reward, and
whose places shall know them no more forever.

Just tributes have been paid to the memory of some
of these, tending to incite us to follow them as they followed
Christ.

The reading of your very acceptable epistle with those of our
beloved sisters from other Yearly Meetings, we have felt
at this time to be a sweet privilege, and our hearts respond
to your expressions - "That these sisterly communications do
strengthen the bond of union, and draw our hearts
to the one Eternal Fountain".

We have been reminded that we as a people make
a higher profession of the spirituality of the Christian
religion than most others; and have been warned
against trusting in this profession in place of a
heartfelt acknowledgment of the truth, again and
again declared in the Holy Scriptures - that the
children of God are led by His Spirit, and instructed
then they should walk. "Beloved men are as the sons
of God. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him and He
in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit." If we walk

in the Spirit we have this sign of discipleship, that we keep His commandment, "And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He gave us commandment."

We have been interested and edified in reading of your care and progress in scriptural instruction. We desire your encouragement and that all such efforts with you and with us may be blessed and increase. Our Lord himself said "Search the Scriptures" and how did He place those who could not hear Moses and the prophets? So we one has also risen from the dead and "By his own blood entered once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us"; and now from His throne on high, through His Spirit would open our understandings that we might understand the Scriptures. Dear Sisters, let us watch and pray to be instructed by this heavenly messenger. Do we not well to give heed to the apostles' warning - "For if they escaped not who refused Him that spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from Heaven, whose voice then shook the earth". But now graciously invites to seek an interest in those things that cannot be shaken.

In regard to the observance of the first day of the week, we feel grateful that your attention has been turned to this subject, for we fear that sufficient care has not been felt among us in the proper observance of this day. That from neglect there has sometimes been cause for our good to be evil spoken of, and that we have suffered loss from not sufficiently availing ourselves of the blessing which was intended in setting apart one day in seven especially for devotional purposes and as a rest

from temporal cares.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend John Hodgkins from England, together with others from different Yearly Meetings, whose presence and labors of love have been a strength and encouragement to us.

And now, dear Sisters, we would say in the words of the Apostle, "That we thank God upon every remembrance of you, for your fellowship in the gospel, being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

In the love which this fellowship in the gospel gives, we bid you farewell and are your Sisters.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.
Sarah S. Tobey Clark

To Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
Dear Sisters:

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. We would bless the Lord on your behalf for the grace that is given you by Him, that in every thing ye may be enriched by Him in all utterance and in all knowledge, and the testimony of Christ may be confirmed in you, so that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful who hath called you unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Your gospel salutation has brought you near in Christian love, and we are refreshed by the blessing of the Lord that maketh truly rich, having copiously descended upon you since the

establishment of a Yearly Meeting in your
portion of the heritage; and though the
beginning thereof was with an humbling
sense of weakness and fear, feeling the
force of the words of Christ. "Without me
ye can do nothing", yet we rejoice in the
belief that the precious promises of the
gospel have been realized and you refreshed
with heavenly dew, and free grace according
to His mercy to offer up spiritual sacrifice
in the availing name of Jesus. We would
encourage you in every good word and work,
to do His will. Pray without ceasing and
in everything give Thanks, for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
May the pureness of your faith and love
shed a salutary influence on all around
you, that those who dwell under your
shadow as it were, may revive as the corn
and grow as the vine, and the scent
thereof be as the wine of Lebanon.

Thus may the name of the Lord be glorified
in your behalf in the day of gracious visitation,
and you become as a tree planted by the rivers
of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in
its season.

We rejoice that your christian interest
in scriptural instruction is increasing
not only in the home circle but in the
setting up of first day schools. May the
Lord bless these labors of love for Him. May He grant
unto you the spiritual gift of teaching. May you
keep the sacred charge thus committed to you,
prayerfully as unto the Lord and be instrumental
not only in teaching them the principles of the
doctrine of the gospel, but also the necessity of
conversion of heart through faith in the
blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin.

may the excellent practice of assembling the family daily for reading the blessed bible and for prayer, claim your deep christian interest until every family is included, but let it be done in a reverent dependence upon Him, who only can grant the spirit of awaiting supplication and the joy of his presence.

We would also recommend the duty of daily retirement alone with God for self examination. Bringing those dear to you in this life, in the arms of faith and love to the feet of your risen Lord, that He may bless both you and them, not only with unfeigned repentance but also the blessed evidence of pardon and peace in the great salvation which is in Christ Jesus our Lord unto eternal glory.

We earnestly and affectionately exhort the youth to a closer walk with God, that by prayer and supplication they make known their requests unto him. Go in all your trials and difficulties to the fountains of divine mercy and we trust, in the Lord's time, he will raise you up to live in His sight and to bless His Holy name. We gratefully acknowledge we have been much refreshed at this time by the presence of the Heavenly Shepherd. We have the acceptable company of our beloved brother in Christ, John Hodgkinson from Great-Britain and other dear-memembers of the Lord, from different portions of our own land, who have been qualified to bring glad tidings of great joy.

Ascribe unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us - unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 15th, and for discipline at Newport on Second day, the 16th of Sixth Month, 1862.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to the Meeting, viz:—

- From Rhode Island— Elizabeth Peckham, Hannah C. Robinson, Huldah M. Bude, Julia Anna Frutkin, Sarah Shale, Amy R. Wilbur, Mary A. Smith, Cynthia Riven, and Mary H. Collins.
- From Salem— Ann Kneel, Elizabeth Page, Mary E. Breed, Rachel W. Rogers, Abby C. Huntington, Rebecca C. Hinckman, Eliza P. Osborne, Ruth J. Challis, Abby C. Marshall, Lydia Pope and Hannah Page.
- From Sandwich— Susan Howland, Mary Shaw, Hannah Shale, Anna L. Wood, Horcas F. Tucker, Phoebe M. Kelly, Lydia Hillingham, Mercy A. Wing, Lydia C. Earle and Rebecca A. Church.
- From Taunton— Patience B. Winslow, James C. Winslow, Phoebe Winslow, Esther Nichols, Phoebe Abbott, and Lydia B. Hawkins.
- From Smithfield— Hester Andrews, Mary B. King, Lydia B. Hunt and Ann B. Earle.
- From Narragansett— Rachel B. Nichols, Martha Austin, Almira J. Hanson, Sybil Estes, Peace Jones, Hannah J. Jenkins, and Lydia P. Joy.
- From Dover— Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah C. Merrill, Eliza P. Varney, Mary Osborne and Hannah W. Meade.
- From Taunton— Hannah Pope, Eunice Winslow, Sarah C. Simpson, Betsey J. Bailey, Lucy J. Hunt, Eliza A. Hixie, and Patience H. Grant.

when no person excepted, for when at, we a satisfactory reason is given.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Trinitarian Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Solomon J. Knobel to the Station of Elder, and with Trinitarian Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James H. Lewis, Gideon C. Smith and Anna J. Lewis, and with Trinitarian Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Chase to the same Station.

That Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth C. Wing.

That Hallowell Quarterly Meeting has united with Wiscasset Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Sarah B. Jones and Mary Ford, to the Station of Elders, and that Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Desire H. Abbott and Sarah Ellen Jones, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Brown and Almira S. Hanson to the Station of Elders.

Such and interesting Epistles from our beloved Sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, have been read, and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way may open for it, prepare Essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting viz.

Abigail M. Hanson, Susan Howland, Rhoda A. Tabor, Anna S. Ward, Elizabeth Meade, Sybil Jones, Hannah P. Jenkins, Sarah P. Toley, Lydia Congdon, Abby W. Merrill, Susan Tabor, Eunice B. Boyce, Lavinia M. Briggs, Lucy J. Hanks, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Ann B. Cole, Anna J. Lewis, Hannah S. Sanger, Rachel B. Nichols, Horace J. Tucker, Maria N. Wing, Mary B. Bradford, Betsey W. Rogers, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Lydia J. Chase, Hannah B. Sanger, Cynthia Benson, Harriet A. Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Mary Congdon, Eliza B. Boyce, Eunice Gay, Lydia Pepp, Jane C. Mott, and Olivia C. Oliver.

We appoint Mary A. Smith, Ann Elmira Lang, Lydia J. Jones, Horace B. Robinson, Mary E. Wood, Hannah Merrill, Elizabeth Gay, and Mary Gifford, to prepare a summary of the answers to present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this meeting, to confer upon the subject of clerks, and report this afternoon.

In closing this first sitting of our Yearly Meeting, to which we have come up under many discouragements, we would make some record of our sense of the mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, who has permitted us to meet again and to put one another as sisters before. And while we feel in this day of trial, amid the turnings and overturnings that are taking place around us, that as creatures we can do nothing; we humbly hope that we may be drawn nearer and nearer to Him, who is able to cause the darkest cloud to break with blessings on our heads.

Adjourned 1 hour O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met agreeably to adjournment

Susan Howland on behalf of the representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Sarah T. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerks, which being satisfactory to the Meeting they are appointed to these stations for the ensuing year.

Having, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Green, from Ireland, satisfactory certificates were received from the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn, in Ireland, held the 13th of the 2^d month, 1862, the Quarterly Meeting for the Province of Ulster, held at Lisburn, Ireland, the 3^d of 3^d month, 1862, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin the 26th of 4th month, and by adjournment on the 3^d of 5th month, 1862. Expressing unity with him as a Minister sound in doctrine, and in the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and with his present religious engagement.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends William E. Johnson, of Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Western Yearly Meeting; Joseph Hobson, of Gilead Monthly Meeting, Ohio; John Henry Douglass, of Lanes Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting; Abraham Morris, of Gilead Monthly Meeting; Thos Am. Sands, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York; and Mary St. Thomas, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York and satisfactory certificates from these respective meetings, expressive of unity with

them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements were received and read.

Our beloved friend John M. May, from Hopedale Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend William E. Johnson; El. Hany of Springfield Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend John Henry Douglass; John J. Thomas, accompanying his wife Mary H. Thomas, and Jacob Mekel, of Amherst Monthly Meeting, New York, being now with us, satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements, were received.

We have also, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our dear friend Isaac Stanley, companion to our friend Joseph Hobson; Isaac Mekel, who is in company with our friend Jacob Mekel; Abby W. Underhill, companion to our friend Phoebe Ann Sands, and Mchitah J. Morris accompanying her husband Abraham Morris, and satisfactory minutes from their respective Meetings, Expressing unity with them as members and with their present Engagement, were received and read.

We have also in attendance, at this time, several other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose company is truly acceptable to us.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock, tomorrow morning.

Third Day Morning, met at 10 O'clock.

The Minutes of last year were read.

Entered upon the State of Society by reading the queries and answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock, this afternoon.

Third Day Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers have been read, and the deficiencies apparent amongst us have called forth an expression of deep concern, and we have been admonished not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together for the Worship of God. He is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship him in Spirit and in truth. This is not the place of our rest; it is a probationary scene, a state of trial, and not reward. How important is it then, that we do not allow the things of this world, how-

right, they may claim a portion of our thoughts; to draw us away from the fulfillment of their duties, that pertain to our everlasting peace. If we love the Lord supremely; with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength, we shall not fail to render unto Him any sacrifice that He may require at our hands; and we should rejoice in the seasons set apart for waiting upon Him, when we may be favored to draw near unto Him, and to enjoy, unalloyed as we are, a sweet sense of His presence.

We have been earnestly entreated to cultivate charity and love toward each other; to guard against the devastating spirit of the enemy, who seeks to sow discord amongst brethren, and scandalously to avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which wastes and destroys, and must inevitably tend to our own poverty, and to the injury of others. Let the breathing of our spirits be, 'Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips.'

The reading of the Holy Scriptures has been a fresh urged upon us; the mothers, especially young mothers, have been encouraged now, while their children are young, and their tender minds more readily influenced, to collect them for the daily reading of those blessed truths; and, should the Lord at such seasons pour forth upon them the spirit of supplications, may they be favored, in faithful obedience, to bow the knee in prayer in presence of their precious ones, that they may be strengthened and refreshed together.

The subject of unprofitable reading has been brought before us at this time, and a fear has been expressed that mothers are not sufficiently careful in their selection of suitable books for their precious children, not being, perhaps, fully aware of the deep and lasting impression, thus early made upon their minds. They have been entreated to look carefully to this subject, to realize the importance of guarding them as much as may be from hurtful and injurious influences of every kind, giving their own care and attention to the educating and training of their tender years, that as they advance in life, they may grow in grace, and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and become qualified ere long to fill the places of those who are now burden bearers in the Church.

Our prayers have been raised for the dear aged mothers, who have spent years to years, through a long period of time, their

would to crumple her; that the Lord would stay His hand upon the infirmities of them, and spare them yet longer, to strengthen us by their presence, and guide us by their precept, and finally, when the things of this life shall fade from their view, when heart and flesh shall fail, give them a bright and a glorious view of the blessings in store for all those who love and faithfully serve Him. See Ser.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and the Committee re-appointed who served last year. The report is as follows, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have given attention to their appointment, during the last year, and feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the Institution have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz 53 males and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz 74 males, and 45 females.

The officers of the School have been, Albert N. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred W. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca N. Smiley and Ruth J. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Reed, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudet, teacher of French; Mary A. Tottis, teacher of Drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which, under the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attributed to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been systematically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have been satisfactorily held in the School house, on First day mornings, and on First day afternoons, and in the middle of the week the meetings of Friends in the City have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show the following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition, &c. with \$3,800 from the income of the permanent fund have paid the expenses of the School.

The remainder of the income has been applied to the payment of interest, insurance, &c, and the liquidation of the debt, (\$1,500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a balance of \$50.15 in the hands of the Treasurers.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside painting of the building in order for their preservation, but we trust this may be made without involving the Institution in any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms, commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz \$40. per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or the Scholars are sent at the charge and Expense of such members and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. And that \$5. additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and Stationery be furnished at the same prices as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School Committee," which have been approved by the Yearly Meeting and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee.

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk.
Purdum 3rd Mo. 6th 1862.

Regulations of the School Committee

As the number to be admitted is limited to Eighty of each Sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their meetings to be held in the 3rd and 9th Months - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these Meetings, applications for the admissions of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after this time, applications for the admission of Scholars

will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings, desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the Committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the (Yearly Meeting), in order for admission of scholars into the School.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the School punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for terms, and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the School, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Application for admissions into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address, Albert N. Smiley
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

We adjourn to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning. Met at 10. O'clock.

The London printed Epistle, of 1864. has been read; and we would commend the excellent caution, the practical counsel and the doctrine contained therein, to our careful attention, believing it will tend to our advancement, refinement and comfort.

We appoint Mary E. Brew, Sarah H. Tobey, Lydia Congdon and Mary C. Jones, to prepare returning minutes, for our

Friends who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings;
adjourned to 4. O'clock, this afternoon.

Fourth Day Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, embracing matters of unusual interest, being furnished us by our Friends, they have been acceptably read at this time.

An essay of an Epistle to a Latin Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which is interesting and acceptable to us, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Education report that they have given attention to this interesting concern of the Yearly Meeting —

A Sub-Committee from our number visited the Boarding School in Providence, and report that institution in a satisfactory condition.

The Oak Grove Seminary, under the care of Friends in Maine, has also been visited, and we believe that these Schools are doing much to aid the children and young among us, in acquiring a substantial and practical Education.

First day Schools have been in successful operation during part, or all of the year, in many localities where Friends Meetings are held.

For the number, length and general attendance of these schools, we refer to the following Statistics:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 15 years	632.
Number between 15 and 21 years	487.
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
" " Preparative Meeting Schools	1
" " Family Schools	5
The whole number attending school	922
Number taught by Friends	205.

Number of Friends who have taught School the past year 115
" " Members obtaining an education at Academies,
and Colleges. 13.

Number of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends 25
The average continuance of these schools is about 7 months
The whole number attending these schools 902
Number of Friends connected with the same as teachers or scholars 435
" " Bible classes apart from First Day Schools, 7
" " Friends attending Bible Classes 133.

We believe, though there may be little indication of it in the statistical information furnished, compared with that of last year, that there is an increasing interest in the subject of education among our members generally, and especially with our younger Friends who occupy the responsible relations of parents.

Thus far, as their little ones gather around them, asking for intellectual and spiritual food, that they need wisdom to counsel and direct. They realize, as they never have done before, the importance of a thorough guarded education, that the moral and religious faculties of the mind, as well as the intellectual, should receive proper culture. They are beginning to appreciate, more fully the inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures, as a powerful agency in their hands, for the elevation of themselves and those around them. They thankfully welcome the Bible as their daily companion, and, as they witness its elevating influence upon the family, their hearts become interested in the community around them, and, as a natural consequence, the First Day School is established.

It does not end here; for there are of our number who are engaged in going from place to place, aiding in the establishment of these schools for scriptural instruction.

But while the Committee are greatly encouraged by the individual faithfulness of many of our members, in promoting the cause of education in its broadest sense, they feel that as a Yearly Meeting, the Friends of New England have not done their whole duty; and would earnestly encourage them to more faithfulness in this respect.

We would recommend, at this time, the appointment of a new Committee by the Yearly Meeting, with the hope that an increased interest may be awakened upon this subject, of great

of great importance to our Beloved Society.

And we would further suggest, that it would materially aid the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting on the interesting subject of Monthly Meetings were to appoint Committees to collect statistics, encouraging the organization of First-day Schools in all our Meetings, and to act in other respects in conjunction with the Yearly Meeting's Committee. And that the members of these several Committees, together with the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, resident within each Quarterly Meeting, may, at the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting preceding the Yearly Meeting, to prepare a report to be presented to the Committee on Education, when they meet at Newport.

On behalf of the Committee

John H. Croftman, Clerk
Newport, 6th Month, 18th 1862.

And we appoint Anna T. Hennis, Elizabeth Meader, Hannah Page, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Sarah M. Anthony, Mercy M. Wing, Jane C. Minot, Susan Catland, Abigail Wheeler, Hester Andrews, Phoebe W. Prescott, Hannah J. Jenkins, Sarah B. Roberts, Sarah R. Brackett, Betsey J. Bailey, Sarah J. Sampson, and Hannah J. Sawyer, to unite with a similar Committee of Men Friends, in proposing the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Education for the ensuing year.

We adjourn to the time men Friends may meet, tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth Day Afternoon, 6th Month 19th, met againably to adjournment.

The Representatives being called are present, who answered to their names at the first sitting.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, propose the names of the following Friends, to unite with a similar Committee of Men Friends, in constituting a Committee on Education; they being satisfactory to us, are appointed accordingly, and encouraged to attend to the service confided to them; and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz.:

Cynthia Bowen, Julia Maria Truborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary H. Collins, Mary Slade, Lydia J. Chan, Elizabeth Page,

Mary J. Fox, Elizabeth C. King, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Swain,
Huldah B. Safford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Tubbs, Abigail S.
Hodges, Lydia B. Allen, Abigail Whelan, Jane C. Minott, Solomon J.
Goldard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel W. Nichols,
Sybil Jones, Jane H. Varny, Abigail M. Hanson, Eliza P. Varny,
Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. Winge, Larina M. Briggs, and Eunice
Munroe.

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of London, New York, Baltimore,
Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, and Western Yearly Meetings, have
been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the
same and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following Minute
for our Friend, Phoebe Ann Sands, viz:—

"Our beloved Friend, Phoebe Ann Sands, attended this Meeting.
Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us;
and a similar one for our Friend Mary H. Thomas.

The following Minute has been prepared for our Friend Melitath
J. Morris, viz:—

"Our beloved Friend, Melitath J. Morris, attended this Meeting.
Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and
satisfactory to us; and a similar one for our Friend, Abby
H. Underhill.

The Clerk is directed to cause the Minutes of this Meeting to
be printed for distribution amongst its members.

Having disposed of the various concerns that have claimed
our attention, in much Christian Unity, under a grateful sense
of the Mercy of our Heavenly Father, who we reverently believe
has, at this season, poured out his blessing upon us, we now
separate in love, proposing to meet again at this place, at the
usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

The following is a Summary of the Answers received viz:
Answers 1st By the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings it
appears that all our meetings have been attended, except a few small
ones for worship, and two for discipline, omitted on account of sickness,
inclement weather and difficult traveling, and one has been discontinued
by the Monthly Meeting; there is remissness and want of engagement with
some of our members in the performance of this important duty.

particularly in the attendance of our week day meetings. This however is nearly observed - Friends are preserved from sleeping except in a few instances. Of the unbarring behaviour, mostly clear. - Some of the answers mention that care has been taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans^r 2^a. Love and unity appear to be maintained, in a good degree, with a few exceptions in three of the accounts, some of which are under notice. We believe most Friends are careful to guard against detraction; Endeavours are used to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans^r 3^a. It appears there is a good degree of care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction, in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good Examples herein themselves - One account mentions the want of a right concern with some of its members in the observance of the regulations of this query. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends families.

Ans^r 4th. Careful in the several particulars of this query, except two accounts notice some exceptions in regard to attending places of public resort.

Ans^r 5th. Careful in the several particulars of this query.

Ans^r 6th. We believe that there is a care rests on the minds of Friends that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline - Yet there have been several instances of accomplishing marriage in violation of the order of our Society, where care has been taken.

Ans^r 7th. Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony in regard to the several parts of this query, except one or three instances of contributing to the support of a paid Ministry.

Ans^r 8th. Most Friends appear to be careful in the requirements of this query.

Ans^r 9th. Care appears to have been taken as to records, some deficiency with regard to certificates, which are under notice.

Ans^r 10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders as guided after, though not ^{at} all times so seasonably as would be best. We believe judgment has been placed according to discipline.

Epistles

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments, from the 15th to the 19th of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1862.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

We have reverently to acknowledge that in assembling ourselves together, at this time, we have been owned by the strongly uniting influence of the love of Christ - wherein the reading of your acceptable Epistle was strengthening and animating to our minds - under the pressure and burden of many sorrows that have come upon us.

Your sympathy with us, in view of the great national calamity that is spread over our Country is very precious and grateful to us. The true disciples of our Lord, wherever situated, are persuaded, not only to rejoice with them that do rejoice, but also to weep with them that weep. The cause of peace is dear to us and to you - and while we mourn the sufferings, in various ways in which many are involved, we are comforted in the midst of this gloom, in the humble hope that He, who hath all power in Heaven and Earth, will over-rule this great evil for good, in breaking the yoke of bondage, and setting free those who are under oppression.

The increased interest in Scriptural instruction in your land, and in our Extended Country is encouraging - not only in our Society, but in the universality of the love of God to every part of the Lord's heritage - that the gospel of the dear Redeemer's Kingdom may be preached to every creature under Heaven, not only in the letter, but in the spirit and the understanding, is the heart and prayer of Israel's God.

We can write with you in the dear expression, that we may come to Jesus, who hath expressly testified that, He is the way, the Truth and the life, that with renewed confidence and humble hope, we may be found building one another

up in the name of the Holy Father.

We have at this time a large number of dear young friends in attendance of our Yearly Meeting, many of whom, we trust, are among the raptured children of the Lord - who condescend to those who present themselves in the assemblies of His people.

Mothers, have been impropiously encouraged to gather their children around them, and in silent waiting upon God, know Him to be their Father. May there, with you and us, be increasingly engaged in the duty of prayer, early instilling into the minds of dear children a sense of the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit in teaching us how to pray.

We have humbly to acknowledge that the several sittings of this our Annual Meeting have been seasons of blessing far and wide, wherein the truths of the Gospel have been clearly brought to view, under the uniting influence of the Holy Head of the Church.

And in conclusion, dear Sisters, may we be reverently concerned to stand resigned in our different abode - in a faithful maintainance of all our Christian doctrines, that the truth as it is in Jesus may shine yet more abundantly to His honor & praise.

With the salutation of love we are your affectionate Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Being mercifully permitted once more to assemble in this our annual Meeting, for the worship of our Heavenly Father, and the transaction of the affairs of the Church, our hearts have been drawn towards you in the love of the gospel, and in that love and in the fellowship of the Spirit, we offer you our affectionate salutations.

Your acceptable Epistle of the present year has been read, to our comfort and encouragement. The sympathy expressed therein to us, in our present tried condition, has been grateful to us. We are now under unaccustomed trials by which we are surrounded, call upon us for the exercise of a stronger faith in the overruling power of God who worketh all things by the counsel of His own will.

who smother the wrath of man to punish him - and who has declared that, the remainder of wrath He will restrain. May your prayers ascend with ours, to the throne of His infinite love, that He will mercifully spare the further effusion of the blood of the children that He has created, that he will bring good out of all this great evil - that the day may be hastened when not only this sad war, which now desolates some parts of our land, may come to an end, but that the spirit of war may cease, the world over - that the bonds of oppression may be broken, and our beloved Country be freed from the sin of slavery, under the burden of which we have so long sorrowed. - Lord, thou hast heard the desires of the humble: thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress. We desire to be preserved in a state of quiet confidence and hope in God, patiently waiting the turning of His good hand upon us, as David waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto him, and heard his cry.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of William Green from your land, and many dear friends from neighbouring young Meetings in our own Country. That the feet of the laborers have been turned hitherward, is cause of gratitude, and we regard it as a renewed token of the continued favour of our Heavenly Father. The young have been encouraged to make an early covenant with their Saviour, that amid the care and trials of life, they may have a sure place of refuge - a friend who sticketh closer than a brother, who is all powerful as well as all merciful and yet who condescendeth to the low Estate of the most humble and lowly. His pure and bright example has been set before us - His humility and gentleness - The simplicity and purity of His life, passed among the lowly and the humble, never despising or avoiding even the greatest of sinners, but going about doing good - Let it be our earnest desire to follow Him, with His help, His holy Example - and let us feel that while Jesus is our friend, no enemy hath power to hurt us, to find Him is to find a treasure of infinite value - to love Him is to love all - even our own souls.

Mothers have been earnestly encouraged to guard their children with watchful care, to discover the influences that are operating to form the character of their young inmates, in order to their trust, that they cherish the good and, as far as possible, cherish the

Ed. - May the young, the middle aged, and then farther advanced
in years, labor together lovingly and trustingly for the promotion of
the Lord's cause - the cause of truth and righteousness, thus forming a
thru fold cord, that cannot easily be broken.

And now, dear Sister, Farewell.

Let us pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting, -
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sister,

We trust beloved sister that it is in the fellowship of
the Gospel of Christ that we affectionately salute you, acknowledging
the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of Fifth Month last. - Similar
tokens of Christian interest from other Yearly Meetings have also been
received, and the reading of them has introduced feelings of near
sympathy and interest for dear absent friends, and the bond of Union
has, we trust, been strengthened.

May we, dear Sister, know our faith more firmly established
in the efficacy of simple fervent prayer, having for our encouragement
the declaration of the prophet, 'Before they call I will answer, and
while they are yet speaking I will hear. - In the silent aspirations
of the heart our trust and confidence in the faithfulness of a prayer
hearing and prayer answering God who is still good to Israel, are
often miraculously renewed. May we all, dear friends, be encouraged
in every extremity, to offer our humble petitions in the name of Him
whom the Father heareth always, that he would keep us in His
Holy hand, and enable us, under every vicissitude, to hold fast
the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope, firm unto the end.

Our hearts return with affectionate regard to those in
the morning of life. May this interesting class be induced to
yield their hearts more fully to the operations of the Holy Spirit,
to come to Jesus and receive the forgiveness of their sins, and then,
walking in the light of His revealed commandments, a full harvest is at hand in,

they will be clothed with the righteousness of Christ - a blessed
evening will be witnessed, and they will be made pillars in the house
of God.

I am, however, rejoicing to hear of the diligence in good
works manifested among your younger members - and those of that class
among us have been rejoicing that they are not there only but are
bought with a price, even the blood of our blood-bought Saviour, and
intreated now fully to consecrate to their Lord the gift which came
from Him alone, yet always remembering that it is not by
works of righteousness that we have done, but according to his mercy
he saved us - and that watchfulness and prayer are required, lest
they should be exalted and the sacrifice be marred.

We believe that it may be said, at this time, that the ancient
promise has been verified in our midst - I will be a Father to the
fatherless - and the gentle and refreshing, as well as the convicting and
enlightening influences of the Spirit have, we reverently acknowledge, been
felt amongst us.

We have had the acceptable company of our friends William
Green from Ireland and several dear friends from other
Great Meetings, whose services and Gospel labors have been
edifying and instructive to us.

And now, dear Sisters, with fervent aspirations that,
in this day of conflict and deep sorrow, the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding, may keep your hearts and
minds, through Christ Jesus, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and in behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in V. F. F. F.

Dear Sisters.

We feel, in addressing you at this time, a deep
sense of the loving kindness and tender regard of our Heavenly
Father, and can fully adopt the words of the apostle - When
we adore, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
Mercies and the God of all Comfort, who comforteth us in all

in tribulations, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

How precious is the bond of sympathy felt between hearts that have been touched with a sense of redeeming love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thus, however widely separated, are drawn together in spirit, and are made partakers of the same joys. And in their days of outward communion and trial, how consoling is the assurance - The Lord reigneth - As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people.

Your Epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, has been listened to with deep interest - encouraging many hearts, and confirming the declaration - that one is our master, even Christ, and all of us are brethren. Surely there are those that can testify - He is not an hard master, but a rich rewarder of all those who diligently seek and serve Him - affording that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

Our meeting has been large, and during the several sittings, a precious sense of the presence of Him, who hath promised to be with those who were gathered in His name, has been felt in our midst. During the reading of the queries and answers from the different Meetings, much excellent counsel and admonition were extended to the various classes.

Mothers were very tenderly intreated to practice, daily, the reading the Holy Scriptures with their children, and watch carefully the choice of their books - and the young and inexperienced to guard against unprofitable reading, the impressions of which, when suffered to enter the mind, many have acknowledged, with sorrow, they have found difficult to eradicate.

The London printed Epistle for 1841. has been read at this time - the instructive, clear, and comprehensive sentiments contained therein, were truly refreshing and seemed like precious ointment poured forth, the odour filling the house.

We have had the acceptable company of William Green from Ireland, with many dear friends from different Yearly Meetings on this Continent, whose services in the gospel have been comforting and encouraging to us. May their labors be blessed by the Lord, who alone can give the increase.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. With the salutation of our love, we are your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah H. Lobley Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters;

Through the condescending goodness of our Heavenly Father, we have again been permitted to convene in a Yearly meeting capacity, and notwithstanding our unworthiness, we have to acknowledge the continuance of His love, by a manifestation of His presence amongst us, which harmoniously laboring together in the transaction of the weighty affairs of the Church.

We have been led, dear Sisters, to remember you with feelings of affectionate interest, situated as you are in the midst of the strife of annies. And our desire for you are, that you may be present in spirit, during the Lord's; that you may abide in Christ, in all sufficient Saviour, and know Him to be the Rock of your defence.

The present condition of our beloved country is cause of heart felt sorrow and humiliation to all who love the Saviour, and are willing to enlist under his banner and to labor for the promotion of the cause of peace and righteousness in the Earth. For our sins, are we afflicted, may we all upon whom this great national calamity has fallen, submit patiently unto the chastening Rod, until our Father in Heaven is pleased to say - It is enough, and in His wisdom to stay the devastating scourge of war. Oh may He hasten the day when nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they have war any more.

On entering upon the consideration of the State of Society much Excitement has been felt by the living members of the Church. All classes have been encouraged to keep close to the witness of God in their own hearts, and to yield obedience to the manifestation of His will, that they may experience a growth in grace and an establishment in the Truth as it is in Jesus.

The subject of light reading has claimed much attention and we greatly desire that the members of our beloved Society, every where, both Elders and younger, may be watchful on this account. In this age of culture and refinement, much is written to please the imagination which has a tendency to draw the mind from serious and profitable reading. And we much desire that through a beloved Society an increased interest may be felt in the study and knowledge of

The Holy Scriptures, which, through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, are able to make us unto salvation.

We have received interesting Epistles from all the yearly meetings with which we correspond, except yours - which has been prevented from reaching us by causes which we deeply deplore - and these tokens of Christian fellowship have been comforting and strengthening to us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our friend William Green from Ireland and several dear friends from neighboring yearly meetings, whose company and gospel labors have been truly refreshing to our minds.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters

In attempting to address you at this time, the query arises in our hearts - who is sufficient for these things? - for truly we have felt, that of ourselves we can do nothing - that we have no might or power of our own, and it is only as ability is afforded by Him who is the one Helper of His people, that we can perform acceptable service in His Church - but when we reflect on the boundless love and tender compassion of our Heavenly Father towards His poor trembling children, we are encouraged to believe that, as we ask in faith, and with prayer and supplication make our requests known unto God - He will help our infirmities and give us strength to labor for the advancement of His blessed cause, for which end, this interchange of pure gospel feeling has been established amongst us. Can we not individually testify that these communications have often proved as a savor of life unto life, - refreshing and encouraging to all those who are asking the way to Zion, with their faces turned thitherward.

Upon assembling together at this time, our hearts have been deeply affected on account of the loss of the dear friend who has sustained in the

removed by death of many valiant warriors, some in model, who have long stood as valiants in the cause of Christ, with whom a few others who have taken the same course, but who are now, we sincerely believe, receiving the reward of their labors. Bless the dear dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, ye, sanctify the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their work, & follow them!

The attendance of this yearly Meeting has been large, and it is with feelings of thankfulness that we are permitted again to unite in Christian fellowship, and to participate together of the excellent counsel which has been imparted. All have been encouraged to improve the talents committed to their keeping, and though some may be led into new and untrodden paths, may Christian forbearance be exercised towards such, untill tried by the test prescribed by our Saviour himself—By their fruits ye shall know them.

The benefit of a frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, has been fully attended to, and the necessity of a familiar acquaintance with the truths therein contained, has been urged upon us, as being profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The civil war now raging in our beloved Country, covers our spirits with the deepest sorrow, and while we feel that, as a nation, we are verily guilty in the sight of God, and that like the Jews of old, He has visited us for our iniquities, from His holy law, yet may we be encouraged, to break off our sins by righteousness, and our iniquities by showing mercy—and as a nation, may we lift up our hearts in prayer to our Heavenly Father, whom we have offended, that he will enable us to put away from our land, the sin of Slavery, which is the moving cause of this great calamity. In this season of deep mourning may we endeavor, like the Royal Psalmist, to remember that, it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man—it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. If the God of Jacob is our refuge we need not fear—The Lord will give strength unto His people, the Lord will bless His people with peace.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Green from Ireland, with that of the dear friends, from neighboring churches, and in early days the Church was

inspired by the coming of Jesus, so have we been refreshed and
encouraged by their gospel tales, amongst us.

In conclusion, we would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your
salutary and sympathizing Epistle of last year - and in a measure of
that love which extends to the whole household of faith we bid you
farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Through the goodness and mercy of our Father, in
Heaven, we are again permitted to meet in this our annual assembly
to transact the business pertaining to our Religious Society, and
have felt our spirits, in good measure, covered and owned by the
Holy Spirit of the dear Lord and Master, to the refreshing of many
hearts - and you, dear friends, have, by the reading of your
acceptable Epistle, been brought fully to our remembrance,
and whilst we too "deeply feel the responsibility which rests upon
us as a Society, and upon each individual member thereof," our
hearts truly respond to the language of the dear Saviour - that of
yourselves, ye can do nothing - yet we have been encouraged to
look unto Him who said, - in me is everlasting strength -
and with hearts uplifted to Him who still remains to be the
everlasting shepherd of Israel, we have desired to draw near,
and still nearer together within his precious fold, that so, whilst
the storm and the tempest prevail, and the sound of war is heard in
our land, we may, with singleness of heart, look unto Him, not
trusting in carnal weapons, but in those which are mighty through
God.

And we continue to feel an earnest desire that the testimony
which we, as a Society, have long felt called upon to bear to the
world, against Slavery, may still be upheld - and that we may
not, either by our conduct or conversation give countenance to this
system of bondage and oppression - but rather by the influence which
we may have the means of exerting, as well as by our intercessions, at

the throne of Grace, that we may be instrumental in hastening the coming of that day when every yoke of bondage shall be broken and the oppressed go free.

The business of this meeting has been conducted in much harmony - a great feeling of unity has been spread over us, a course of sittings, and much weighty counsel has been imparted to us - the afflicted and desponding ones have been tenderly sympathized with and encouraged to come to the blessed Saviour - Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest - Take my yoke upon you and learn of me who am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest to your souls.

The youth - of whom there is a very interesting company now with us - have had much instructive counsel imparted to them, and we earnestly desire that this portion of our Society, both with you and us, may come now, in the morning of life, and serve the living God. Mothers have been encouraged to gather their children around them and attend to the important duty of reading the Holy Scriptures, believing, if they were faithful in this duty, they would be strengthened morally to approach the Throne of Grace in their behalf, and thus bring them to Jesus.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Grant from Ireland, whose services in the gospel, with those of other dear friends in attendance, have been edifying to us.

Finally, dear Sisters, farewell - Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting of Woman Friends,

Miss Tobey.

Under a renewed sense of the extension of
friendship and regard, we would salute you in true Gospel

fellowship and love, desiring we may all keep close to the
Great Head of the Church, as to feel the baptizing influence of
His Spirit & Comfort in our souls, & for Him in whom the adoration
and praise. His goodness assured still remains, for our
encouragement - Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver
thee, and then shalt glorify me - and again - The name of the Lord
is a strong tower - the righteous runneth into it and are safe.
For not this day of darkness and of dread, call loudly upon us
to take this place of refuge, where, amid the many evil and
disturbances that afflict our once peaceful country, the Church
of Christ may be preserved pure, spotless and unblamable,
always abiding in the truth of the Gospel.

Your acceptable Epistle of 9th Month last has been read at
this time much to our satisfaction - Very precious to us is
this correspondence - May it serve, not only to unite us more
closely one to another, but also to lead us with stronger bonds
of love to the Beloved of Souls.

We are favored this year with the company of a large number
of our dear youth, whose serious deportment bespeaks for them
that they have been with Jesus, and are desirous of following
him in the path of dedication.

We believe the present has been a remarkable time of
uprising from His presence, and our desire, on a fresh
awakening, that all, both old and young, who have been
truly baptized in Christ may so abide in him, as to bring
forth largely of the fruits of righteousness, which shall endure unto
Eternal life - and may those who labor and are weary, laden, come
unto Him and find rest, remembering the promise - If thou
shalt seek the Lord, thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou
seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Let them who have not yet experienced the remission of their
sins, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ, bear in mind,
that to the deeds of the law shall no flesh living be justified -
A mere form of godliness, unattended by the power thereof
will avail nothing in that trying hour when the secrets of
men's hearts are revealed.

May we heed, then, the injunction of our Saviour, to
cleanse first the inside of the cup and the platter, that the outside

may be clear also, looking for Deliv'ance to the Lamb of God
which taketh away the sin of the world - that He, who al-
l hath power on Earth to forgive sins, may speak pardon and peace
to our afflicted souls. Thus are we purposed to occupy the talents
committed to us, to the edification of the Church and to the glory of God.

We are glad to learn that an increased interest is manifested
among you in the Bible, and its liberal circulation.

The Establishment of First Day Schools, under the direction
of our wisdom, we believe tends to the promotion of vital re-
ligion - Still they should not supersede the important duty
of daily assembling the family to read a portion of the Holy
Scriptures, accompanied with a solemn pause, to wait upon
the Lord, for the Spirit of dwelling supplication.

We have the acceptable company of (William) Green from
Ireland, together with several ministers, from neighboring Yearly
Meetings, whose gospel labors, with the blessing of Heaven, have,
we believe, tended to increase our faith and hope in the
Redeemer.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for
New-England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with
public meetings for worship at Newport and Tisbury, on
First day the 14th, and for discipline at Newport, on
Second day morning, the 15th of 6th Month, 1863.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it
appears that the following Friends have been appointed
Representatives to this Meeting ¹⁸⁶

- From Rhode Island — Elizabeth Meader, Huldah M.
Bodke, Abby C. Gifford, Hannah B. Williams,
Elizabeth Peckham, Mary A. Collins, Jeanna M.
Rice, Abigail Montague, Ruth B. Buffington,
Mary Ann Allen, and Mary A. Smith.
- From Salem — Elizabeth Fox, Mary C. Wood, Mary
Alice Brown, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Hannah
Page, Abigail H. Crossman, Elizabeth Page, Emma
B. Boye, Linda Buxton, and Ruth J. Challis.
- From Sandwich — Phoebe K. Gifford, Lydia Lincoln,
Rachel S. Montland, Elizabeth C. May, Sarah
M. Carter, Maria Sherman, Elizabeth H. Potter,
Maria Brown, Rebecca Ann Gifford and Mary
S. Macomber.
- From Palmyra — Patricia B. Winslow, Emma J. Rich,
Juliette Pope, Jane C. Minot, Abby Bean, Emma
Lay, Lucy K. Gooden and Abigail Goddard.
- From Smithfield — Anne M. Collins, Minnie Harnum,
Abigail S. Wether, Mary A. Randall, and Lucy
S. Payson.
- From Tarrytown — Ann Eliza Lang, Rebecca Tabor,
Ann Jones, Eliza Gardner, Almira S. Menden,
Sarah H. Partridge, Sarah E. Jones, and Martha
Bratt.
- From New York — Cynthia Buffum, Hannah S. Senger, Sarah
P. Tuttle, Eliza P. Vining and Phoebe H. Meador.
- From Danville — Betsey J. Bailey, Patricia A. Brown,

Mary J. Paiz, Mary Gifford and Sarah S. Thurman, who are present except nine, for the absence of a part of whom satisfactory reasons are assigned.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Cynthia I. Perren, and with Longsight Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval in the case of Eliza Hull, also with the latter meeting, in the appointment of Sarah Glade to the Station of Elder. William S. Perry, an Elder and member of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, died on the 4th of 8th Month 1862, aged 63 years, 5 months and 3 days. Jonathan Condon, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died on the 21st of 7th Month 1862, aged 98 years, 7 Months and 5 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Weare Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Hoag and of Alice B. Hoag to the Station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Nathan Wing and Mary R. Wing to the Station of Elder. Maltrah Gifford, a member and Elder of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased, 7th Month 20th 1862, aged 82 years 1 Month and 4 days. Nathan Wing, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st Month 13th 1863, aged 58 years 10 Months, 16 days.

Dalmonth has united with Durham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Caleb Ely and George Douglas to the Station of Elder, and with Windham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Jane Pope to the same Station. Mercy Sewell, a member and Elder of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 13th of 7th Month 1862, aged 65 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth M. Wathey to the Station of Elder. Buffum Chace an Elder and member of Smithfield

Martha M. Long, deceased of March 10th 1862, aged
83 years, 4 months, 11 days

Tarralton has united with Tarralton Monthly Meeting,
in the appointment of Rachel B. Nichols and Mary S. Nichols
to the Station of Elders.

Amherst has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in
the appointment of Joshua Nelson and Stephen B. Deane to
the Station of Elders.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting,
in the appointment of Alden Sampson to the Station of Elders.

Swift and acceptable Epistles, from our Sisters of
London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and Western New York
Meetings, have been acceptably read, and this intercourse
which has so long and so interestingly existed between us
and our dear absent Sisters, has seemed exceedingly sweet
and precious to us at this time. May the trials, the sorrows,
and the afflictions of which they breathe and which we believe
have drawn us in true Christian Sympathy and fellowship
very near to each other, teach us at the same time to place
all our trust and all our confidence in Him from whom
our blessings flow. We appoint the following Friends to
consider the subject, and as may may open for it, prepare
essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz.

Sarah E. Tobey, Horace D. Tucker, Betsey P. Wood, Anna
S. Wood, Susan Taler, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Eunice B. Boyd,
Elizabeth C. Wing, Gertrude H. Carrland, Mary S. Bradford,
Phoebe M. Meader, Lydia P. Wy, Abigail S. Batty, Eliza
Mull, Olivia C. Oliver, Rebecca Smiley, Maria Chase,
Salicma Montland, Rachel B. Nichols, Phoebe R. Siffert,
Lydia Jones, Susan Montland, Rhoda M. Taler, Mary H.
Atwater, Horace S. Robinson, Sarah S. Jones, Elizabeth
Meader, Elizabeth Gore, Mercy K. Wing, Sarah W. Partridge,
Jane C. Miner, Louisa O'Brien, Cynthia Wren, Lydia
Loper, Eliza P. Parney, Ann Elmira Long, Ann B. Cook,
Marriet A. Jones, and Mary A. Smith.

We appoint Mary Shaw, Lydia Congdon, Hannah E.
Reckham, Lydia P. Chan, Hannah Morill and

Manah G. Sawyer, to prepare a summary from the answers to present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this Meeting to confer upon the Subject of Clerk, and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to the time our friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Sarah P. Tobey for Clerk and Eliza B. Boyer for assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory to the Meeting, they are appointed to those Stations for the ensuing year.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Smith, of Raisin Monthly Meeting, Michigan, Elmer Ogden, of Galun Monthly Meeting, Iowa, William M. Chan, of Saipio Monthly Meeting, New York, Edward Jenkins, of Galun Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Phil G. Underhill, of Almanack Monthly, New York, Jane Jones of Stony Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Eliza Brewer, of West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada West, and Mary Ellick of Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, have been read.

We have also the company of our beloved friends, Ananah M. Nixon, companion to our friend, Jane Jones, and Elizabeth Jenkins, who accompanies her husband Edward Jenkins, from whose respective meetings minutes have been read, expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagements.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our dear friend Samuel P. Clarke, companion to our friend Thomas Smith; Nathan M. Bond, companion to our friend Elmer Ogden; Richard Nixon, accompanying our friend Jane Jones; Phil Griffin, companion to our friend Phil G. Underhill, and Rachel Cronkhite,

Companion to our friend Eliza Wier. Satisfactory
minutes from their respective meetings, expressing unity
with them as members, and with their present engagement,
have been received and read.

We have also in attendance at this time, several dear
friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, without certificates,
whose company is truly acceptable to us.

We adjourn to ten O'clock tomorrow morning.

Third Day Morning 6th Month 16th. Met at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of last year have been read.

Entered upon the State of Society by reading the Queries and
Answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and the
consideration of this important portion of the business that
claimed our attention was felt to be one of deep interest:
a solemn covering was spread over us, and we were encouraged
to a faithful support and maintenance of all our Christian
testimonies.

The deficiencies in regard to the due attendance of our
religious meetings has awakened a deep concern at this
time, and the query has arisen, who are they that swell the
number that make up the deficiency? Is it the mothers? Is
it the daughters? Is it the mothers with families of small
children around them? These are often cumbered with many
cares; obstacles present on the right hand and on the left,
and the way for the attendance of our meetings may, at times,
seem to be closed. A tender sympathy has been expressed
for this class, and we have been exhorted to bear in mind, that
all we have is in His hand, who can prosper or can blight
our feeble efforts. and the belief has been expressed, if we

love the Lord with all our hearts, with all our mind and with all our strength, that when the morning came for assembling to worship Him, we should find a way to be made for us in a manner that might sometimes seem marvellous in our eyes.

The subject of sleeping in our religion, meetings has claimed our attention at this time, and we have been enjoined not to give way to this temptation of the Enemy, who dares to enter with us even into the sanctuary, and there to spread his net over us, and who will bring upon us a spirit of drowsiness, when he would not venture to approach us in a more open way. Many an honest enquirer, many a true worshipper, has, at times, known something of this trial — something of the prevalence of that spirit which getteth not out but by prayer and fasting. Let us, then, pray without ceasing, for strength to overcome the temptments of this unwearied Enemy. Let us seek to draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto us, and will hold forth the hand that will sustain our drooping souls.

We believe that a prayer has been raised at this time that our members everywhere may be preserved in love one unto another. Let us enter into a close examination of ourselves and see how it is with us — where there is the least deficiency in this respect, there will be distraction, but when the heart is filled with love there is no room for a spirit of bitterness; it has no place there. "By this," said our blessed Saviour, "shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one unto another."

Mothers have been tenderly entreated to the observance of great care and watchfulness in the education and training of their children, and to seek for ability to go in and out before them, as become, the followers of Jesus, bearing in mind that precept is of little value except it be enforced by example. May we manifest to them by a well ordered life, that we are seeking a city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God.

And the invitation has been afresh extended to our beloved young people, to come to Jesus — to come now in the morning

of this day, just as they are, to Him who ever said to any
Sinner, "Come, wait a little longer; but His invitation is universal.
"Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved."
If we come to Him hungry, he will feed us, and if we are
thirsty, He will give us to drink of the water of life freely, and
of that water of which, if a man drink, he shall never
thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water springing up
into everlasting life.

In the exercises of this Meeting from its commencement,
through its various sittings, there has been evidently a fresh
flow of sympathy for those in affliction; many of whom are
present on this occasion. The state of our beloved country has
plunged us into great suffering, and dipped us into deep feeling
one with another. Trials, the number of which is known
only to Him, who, in His unerring wisdom has permitted
them, have been the portion of many stricken ones. To such
the language has been, — trust in God. He who permitted
his servant Joshua, to command the sun to stand still
upon Gibeon, and the moon to be staid in the valley of
Ajalon, and it was done, is the same merciful and loving
Father now that ever He was, and is ^{as} able to arise for our
deliverance as He was for Israel of old. Not looking unto
man but unto God; let us put all our trust and all our
confidence in Him. Let us unitedly bless His hallowed
name for mercies past, and trust in Him for all that is to
come.

Truly, as we believe, has the spirit of prayer ascended
from many hearts for the sick and wounded soldiers; and
while we feel impressively the importance of maintaining
our testimony faithfully against all wars and fightings, as
inconsistent with the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ, may we continue to bear them upon our hearts in
secret prayer, and are fully the means with which we
have been blessed, for their success and relief. We rejoice
to believe that there are those of our Society who have gone
as ministering angels to the abodes of suffering and
death — have poured the oil and wine into their bleeding
hearts; — have spoken to them of Jesus, and pointed them

to Heaven. Blessed privilege! May we be concerned individually to do all our that our hands find to do.

The following is a summary of the answers received viz.

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except a few small meetings for worship which have been several times omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather. Those on Fast day by the greater part of our members.

While there continues to be remissness in the performance of this important duty, on the part of some, especially in regard to those held in the middle of the week both for worship and discipline. The hour nearly observed. Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled. Some care has been taken with regard to the above named deficiencies.

Ans: 2^d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most Friends, and we believe Friends are generally careful to guard against detraction. - Cases of differences except in two meetings - where care has been taken.

Ans: 3^d. We believe there is a concern among us to bring up those under our care in a consistent degree of plainness, although a deficiency is apparent. - We think a greater care is useful in regard to reading and conversation. Mostly careful to set good Examples. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans: 4th. Mostly careful to observe the several requisitions of this Query, except a few instances of attending places of public resort, on which account care has been taken.

Ans: 5th. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved. The children sent to school of learning - now placed from among Friends.

Ans: 6th. We believe there is a care with most parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried that

proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline;
As there have been several instances of accomplishing marriage
out of the order of our Society, which are mostly under notice.

Ans: 7th Our testimony is generally maintained with regard to the
moral requisitions of this Query, except two instances of a
paid ministry.

Ans: 8th Friends are generally careful in these respects.

Ans: 9th Care is taken in regard to records. Some deficiencies
respecting certificates, which are under notice.

Ans: 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in good measure
as given aforesaid, and to place judgment in the authority
of Truth according to discipline.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read
and accepted, and the Committee reappointed who served last
year. The Report is as follows. viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School
during the past year, report that they have attended to their
appointment and have much satisfaction in being able to state
that it is in a prosperous condition and that the administration
of its various concerns has been such as to merit their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer
term, was 87, viz 53 males and 34 females; for the winter term,
166, viz 98 males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been, - Albert K. Smiley
and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred M. Smiley, Associate
Principal; John S. Cornell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth
P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Reed,
Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, assistant
Teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudet, Teacher of
French; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the
summer term Rebecca H. Wing, and in the winter
term Wessie P. Wing were employed in account of the
ill health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the
School house on first day mornings, which have been uniformly

satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend meetings of Friends, in the city, on First day after noon, and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally very good, except that in the early part of the winter term it was interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Hewitt's Chace of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 21 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dispensation of Divine Providence was then noticed in the minutes of the Committee:—"The removal by death of one of the Pupils, above referred to, introduced us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncertainty of life, and in this feeling our hearts were exercised in sympathy for the relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a parent help in their severe affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following communication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf:

Providence 9th month 10th 1862

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

Dear Friends:

My father, Ebenezer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circumstances therein specified, Sixty five shares of the Capital Stock of the Manufacturing Bank, in Providence (par value \$6.00); One Hundred and twenty shares of the Phoenix Bank, Providence, (par value \$6.00); One hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, San Francisco; (par value \$5.00); and one hundred shares of North Providence Bank, (par value \$5.00), for the education of poor children, in that Institution; and being desirous in my life time, to contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I

have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School Trust
to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated in full
otherwise ordered by me, to be applied as directed in said will, a
copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I herewith present,
reserving to myself the right of designating any child or children
whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said
income, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations
of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution.

I am your friend

Jacob M. Keefe."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following
minutes was placed upon our records, viz:-

This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob
M. Keefe, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove
a blessing to many of the youth within our Yearly Meeting.
We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a
desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping
hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for use-
fulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent donor
may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical
Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished
with a telescope, transit instrument and clock; the expense of
these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscription of
a few friends. The object aimed at is to give the scholars generally
an opportunity of observing some of the most common and striking
telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide
for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of making
practical problems by means of well constructed instruments of
moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to
the free use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this
way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the Committee to examine the accounts of the
Institution, it appears, that the whole expenses for the past year
have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the proceeds
of the farm and fifty two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer

of the School Fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollar, remains in his hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the house and erecting the observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the building in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skillful management of our Principal, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$20 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents and members of our Religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any other, payable in all cases in advance, and that \$5. additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and Stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee.

Gilliat Congdon, Clerk
Periendum 3rd Month, 12th 1863.

Note. — The Summer term, 1863, closes 30th of 9th month.

The winter term, 1863-4 commences on Fourth day, the 14th of 11th Month, and closes the 23rd of 1st Month, 1864.

The Summer term of 1864 commences Fourth day, the 11th of 5th month.

Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed

of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be secured. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the Committee at their meetings held in the Third and Ninth months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "Charitable fund" or of "the Jacob Mearns donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the Committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be furnished to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Address

Albert K. Smiley

Principal Mission Boarding School
Portland, U.S.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock; to-morrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning. - Met at 10 o'clock.

The recently printed Epistle of 1862 has been read, and the counsel and caution that it contains, seem peculiarly adapted to our present condition. May the truths which it inculcates, find a place in every heart.

An address from our beloved friend William Green, of Ireland, who was in attendance of this Meeting last year,

has been acceptably read. The spirit of love which it breathes, and the ardent concern manifested for the prosperity of Truth, and for the healing of breaches, have met a response in this Meeting, and the message is gratefully received.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock.

Afternoon. — Met at 4 O'clock.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, embracing matters of much interest, being furnished us by our Friends, have been acceptably read, and have introduced our minds into much feeling exercise.

Reports of Epistles to our Sisters of London, Hallowell, North Carolina, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth Day Afternoon 6th Month, 18th, met at 4 O'clock.

The Representatives being called are present, except six. The Committee on Education presented a report, which is interesting and acceptable to us, and is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:—

The Committee on Education, in presenting their report, are aware that in New England the subject of education is claiming a large share of public attention, and that the members of this Yearly Meeting are not only deeply interested in the Boarding School at Providence and the Lake Grove Seminary at Narragansett, which the Committee believe are never in a more flourishing condition, but that many of them are associated with their fellow citizens, in the different localities where they reside, in the supervision and welfare of our public schools. We do not propose, therefore, to take upon the consideration of this subject in all its various features of interest, but to offer, in connection with the usual

to the information, a few suggestions, touching the importance of maintaining a still deeper interest in the religious instruction of our members; for we feel that in this respect, we have sustained a great loss.

We have obtained, in answer to circulars addressed to the different Monthly Meetings, and otherwise, the following information. No response was received from two Monthly Meetings.

The number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 15 years is	586
The number between 15 and 21, is	471.
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
The " " Preparative Meeting Schools	1
The " " Family Schools	8
Whole number attending School	895.
" " taught by Friends	388.
" " Engaged in teaching	135
Number of numbers obtaining an education at Academies, or Colleges not under the care of Friends.	33.
Number of First Day Schools	50
Average time of these schools	8 Months
Whole number attending First Day Schools	1,428.
Number of Friends' Children	472
" of Teachers	193
" of Bible classes	32
" attending Bible Classes	604
" of Friends attending	521.

It will be seen, that during the past year, the number of First-day Schools has been increased by 17, (or more than one half) and that to the number of persons receiving instruction in these schools, 581 have been added. Also, that the number of additional Bible Classes is 25 and that the additional members of Bible Classes are 471. This, the Committee consider most gratifying intelligence, for it not only shows an increasing interest in the establishment of schools for the scriptural instruction of the youth, but evinces, on the part of our older Friends, a desire to strengthen and encourage these by their personal

and thus are all mutually benefited. And the advantages of such Schools are not confined to our own members, for it will be perceived, that only about one-third part of the whole number are members of our religious Society.

In this way, there is an opportunity presented for extending our usefulness in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness in the South, which should be the chief object in all our educational efforts. And while we rejoice at the indications of interest manifested in the "Boarding School" and other institutions of learning, for promoting a thorough practical education, and the new zeal exhibited in opening schools for the study of the Sacred Scriptures, which have done so much to elevate and bless man; we would remind Friends, and especially our younger members who occupy the interesting and responsible position of parents, not to forget, that the family circle is, after all, the most important in which our children are placed; for it is here that the character of the man, for good or for evil, is generally formed. Hence the importance of determining what that home influence shall be, bearing in mind that it is operating hourly upon hearts of immortal beings, during the period when those hearts are most susceptible of influence. Let no want of sympathy with children or adults and restraint exist, to make home less attractive than the places and company which lead the soul astray from virtue. But let the charm and freedom of love pervade the home of every child, and then shall home influence be always lovely to him, and always sacred.

By the direction of the Committee

John S. Crossman, Clerk."

And the Committee is reappointed and requested to attend to the duties confided to them, to report to the Meeting next year, with the substitution of Phoebe M. Meader, and Deborah N. Hawkes, in place of Abigail M. Hanson, and Emma Winslow, removed from their respective Monthly Meetings.

Encaps of Epistles to our Sisters of New York, Baltimore and this Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same, with those read at a

former sitting, and send them to those meetings respectively.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Phoebe G. Underhill. viz:-

"Our beloved friend, Phoebe G. Underhill, attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

And similar ones for our friends Jane Jones, Eliza Brewer and Mary Elliot.

The clerk is also directed to sign the following minute for our friend Asenath St. Nixon. viz:-

"Our beloved friend, Asenath St. Nixon, attended this Meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

And similar ones for our friends Elizabeth Jenkins, Phoebe Griffin, and Rachel Cronchite.

The clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this Meeting to be printed, for distribution amongst its members.

The business of the Meeting is closed; and as the moment approaches for us to separate, no trust that every heart is raised in gratitude to Him, who has, through the various sittings of this Year's Meeting, been to us, "as a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." We may, perhaps, in days that are to come, turn back to this season of favor, and in remembrance of the mercies of our God, be strengthened, refreshed and comforted. To Him be all the glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

We conclude, proposing to meet again at this place next year, if the Lord permit,

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Epistles

New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the
15th to the 19th of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1863.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

Dear Sisters

Feeling - never more deeply - our inability,
without help from on high, to perform any service acceptably
to God, or to the edification one of another; yet feeling also -
never more fully and comforting - the truth of the assurance,
that in Christ, our Saviour, dwelleth all fulness, and that
His gracious aid is never withheld from those who ask it
in faith, we offer you the salutation of our Christian love.

Your lively and acceptable Epistles of the past and
present years have been read at this time to our comfort and
encouragement, and we have felt the assurance of your sympathy
with us to be very precious. We are indeed greatly tried, and
our fidelity to the doctrines we profess of following a Saviour
whose mission was to bring "peace on Earth, and good will
to men", is put to a severe test. But in all, and through all,
our trust in God "who doeth according to His will, in the army
of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth," remains
unshaken. Blessed be His name. And if, (as we expect to
be the case) we are being chastened for our sins, may we, as a
nation, as a Society and as individuals, "humble ourselves
under the mighty hand of God," and feel the necessity, "when
the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, that the inhabitants
of the world should learn righteousness". Alas! how great our
trials, may we be made willing to say, "Let not thine eye
pity, nor thy hand spare," till thy work is accomplished; till
every bond is broken and every bondman is made a free-man
by thy mighty power. Pray for us, dear Sisters, that our faith
fail us, but that we may be enabled, in humility and patience,
to "hope and quietly wait for the Salvation of the Lord."

"The Lord will also be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble."

"Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me."

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Never were there assurances more precious to our souls.

This, our annual assembly has been large, and has, as we humbly trust and believe, been graciously owned by the Head of the Church. The gospel has been preached to us in its warnings and its consolations, and we have rejoiced anew in the assurance, that in our Father's house is bread enough and to spare. Why should any soul perish of hunger? Let our dear young sisters, both with you and us, be encouraged to come boldly to the throne of Grace, to come just as they are, and make their wants known to their loving Saviour, the friend of their souls. If any hunger He is the bread of life, if any thirst He is the living water.

With the salutation of love, we remain your affectionate Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Sisters.

Through the goodness of our Heavenly Father, we have again been permitted to come up to the place where prayer is wont to be made, and then appear as a Yearly Meeting. In the communications received from our beloved absent Sisters, the expressions of feeling sympathy have been exceeding sweet and precious to our spirits. The disappointments through which we are passing, have brought us nearer to each other in Christian love, and the bearing of your late Epistle, so fraught with tenderness, has been a healing balm to our bruised hearts.

Our beloved country is still under the chastening hand of a just God, and we would earnestly pray to be found faithfully waiting before Him - adopting the language, "Let not thine hand spare nor thine eye pity, untill thou bring forth judgment unto victory. For we know that righteousness only exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

We fervently desire that while our country is being purified as by fire, we as a Society may be found steadfast, trusting only in the Lord - and as individuals, we may seek to know our duty, and do what our hands find to do with our might, looking unto Jesus. Then shall come to pass the saying - "Blessed is that people whose God the Lord is."

Our Meeting has been large, and the feet of many of the Lord's messengers have been guided hither. Great counsel has been given to all to seek a higher spiritual life, that life which is hid with Christ in God - then shall we find that if sorrows abound, consolation does much more abound.

And He who knoweth all things and has promised to be with them that fear Him, will draw nigh unto us. And we believe prayer has arisen from the altar of many hearts, that through all our trials (the number of which none can know but God alone) we may be brought nearer, Oh God! to thee, nearer to thee.

Finally, dear Sisters, we commend you to God and the word of His grace, asking only that when our race is run, we, with you, and with all the ransomed of Jesus Christ, our Lord, may be presented faultless before His Father's Throne.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting;
Sarah F. Tobey, Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

Dear Sisters

We feel to salute you in the love of the

Gospel of Christ - this blessed token of discipleship, softening the heart that we can trustingly hope that we have passed from death into life. It is for the salvation of our souls and for that of others that we are called so earnestly to seek and labor. It is not to have a name to live while we are yet dead but to know by repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, that our sins are washed away in His all-availing blood, preparing the heart for the impress of His own blessed image, whereby is manifested in the daily walk of the redeemed spirit, that newness of life - the legitimate fruits of the new birth. "Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again", applies to us with all the significance with which it was presented by the Savior of the world. We would reverently acknowledge that a Father's love, unmistakable in its blessed effects has been felt in our midst, directly by the ministry of His Spirit to the solemnizing and contriting of our hearts before Him and instrumentally to the comfort of many. The aged and infirm have been tenderly borne on our hearts before the throne of Grace with desire, that when the few remaining days of their pilgrimage are ended, they may be permitted to join the just of all generations in celebrating the praises of Him who has redeemed them with His own precious blood. The mothers have been exhorted earnestly to labor by prayer and example for the conversion of their children, that the cause of Truth be upheld and adorned by us as a people. There has also been an expression of deep sympathy for them whose hearts are bleeding at the remembrance of loved ones engaged in the fearful strife of contending foes: and the prayer has gone up that the healing balm may not only be applied to their suffering hearts, but that the protecting arms of a pitying Savior may be thrown around them, that His name may be magnified in the salvation of even those that have not yet learned Christ's gospel of peace and good will. The poor in spirit have been warmly encouraged - the backsliders admonished and the Youth exhorted to seek their Savior and to dedicate their hearts to Him now in the morning of their days.

We have been deeply humbled under a sense of our many
sins of omission and commission, as the State of Society
has been presented, attended with earnest prayer for a renewal
of pure, vital Christianity among us, which is love supreme
to God and love to His creatures. When this becomes the
moving principle of the soul, we shall love to mingle with
our friends in social worship - no improper conduct will
mar the sanctity of the engagement, distraction will not only
be guarded against, but discarded, for "Out of the abundance
of the heart the mouth speaketh", and if the heart be filled
with love there is no room for bitterness.

In conclusion we earnestly desire that "the grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Ghost may be with you all."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,
Sarah F. Lobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Baltimore.

Dear Sisters

The reading of your interesting and acceptable
Epistle of last year has awakened feelings of deep and
tender sympathy, and our hearts are touched with a
sense of your painful situation at this trying season,
when the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, and
we have been enabled we trust in some degree to experience
the preciousness of the apostolic injunction, "Bear ye
one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

But strong is our faith, dear Sisters, that amid all
the tumult and confusion which surround you, as you
endeavor quietly to abide under the shadow of the
Almighty, as loving, trusting, obedient children, you
will be favored to dwell in the secret place of the Most
High, and be kept safe as in the hollow of His holy
hand. What shall harm you, if ye ^{be} followers of that
which is good? or what shall be able to separate you from

the love of Christ. It is in times of the greatest extremity that the power of our blessed Redeemer is most marvellously displayed. When all earthly props are removed, and the soul, in simple and living faith rests wholly on God, he will not fail to arise for the deliverance of his dependent children.

The attendance of our Yearly Meeting has been unusually large at this time. Many of our young sisters are present with us, and we believe that the hands of the burden beams have been strengthened by the prayerful interest manifested by them.

A tender invitation has been extended to them to come to Jesus, just as they are, in all their wants and weakness, trusting assuredly that he will clothe and feed them, and be their sufficiency in all things, give wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

To the afflicted the word of consolation has gone forth, and we have renewedly felt at this time, how exceedingly precious is the office of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter of His people. May we all be quickened and enabled availing to pray, that we may yet witness a renewed and more abundant outpouring of the Spirit, that "as sin abounds, grace may much more abound," and amid this fearful conflict and the shaking of all earthly things, souls may be gathered unto Christ.

And now, dear Sister, we bid you affectionately farewell, fervently desiring that "God may supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Yours in direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

The North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister,

Another year has passed away, and still the dark cloud of war hangs over our beloved country; and while we lament the sad events which have interrupted a correspondence that on former occasions has proved to us a source of edification and comfort, we are forced at this time to separate with a quiet

trust that the unslumbering Shepherd, our watchful Heavenly Father, who would cement us together in a holy Christian Sisterhood, and who prompts the feeling of tender solicitude and sympathy, can bear our message as upon the wing of love, above the smoke of battle and the field of death till it reaches an answering cord in the hearts of our dear Southern Sisters.

Although, from our location, we may appear somewhat removed from the scene of conflict, we feel that we are indeed participants in all the trials, privations and sorrows of those in more exposed situations, and how sweet the thought that when earthly barriers intervene, our prayers may ascend with yours as from an undivided band, to the ear of the Eternal, that prostrate before His throne, we may ask that our every affliction may be sanctified, that unbecoming fears may be dispelled, and our wavering faith strengthened. Let us not repine that our lot is cast in this day of peculiar trial — years of almost unbroken prosperity have smiled upon our land, — "Because we had no changes therefore we feared not God." "We have seen the oppression of the poor and violent perverting of justice, and He that is higher than the highest hath regarded." "The spirit of the poor is in our houses."

"We are verily guilty concerning our brethren," and would give thanks unto the Lord because of his righteous judgments.

Oh, beloved Sisters, let it be our constant prayer, in the midst of perplexity and suffering, that He will uphold our going in His path, that our feet slip not, — that, obedient to our Creator, we may be prepared by self-denial and whatever sacrifice may be called for at our hands, to labor willingly and acceptably in our appointed sphere of duty, remembering that as our minds become imbued with the spirit of Him who purchased "peace on earth and good will to men," we shall become peaceful and trustful ourselves, a joy and consolation to the afflicted — a blessing to the land we love, and, although our Divine Master may lead us into what the world may deem the by-paths of usefulness — the untrodden ways — a consistent Christian

Crown is a light upon a candlestick - a city upon a hill. -
Hence great the sufferings that await us, let us lean upon
the arm of the Redeemer. He will bear us, until we bear
our cross, and finally exchange it for a glorious crown.
He may lead us through the furnace of affliction to purify
us as gold is purified in the fire, but at last He will
welcome all His faithful ones to a Heavenly mansion,
with the endearing language, "Come ye blessed of my Father
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation
of the world - verily I say unto you, as ye have done it
unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it
unto me."

Our Yearly Meeting is very largely attended, and from day
to day, as the weighty affairs of Society have been considered,
we have had reason to acknowledge, the subduing, har-
-monizing influence of that Spirit of love and wisdom which
pervades all rightly gathered assemblies. - Epistles have been
read with acceptance from our Sisters of other Yearly Meetings
and many dear friends from abroad and with us, as Epistles
written in our hearts.

And now, dear Sisters, in conclusion, we would commend
you with ourselves, unto Him who is able to keep us from
falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of
His glory with exceeding joy - to the only true God, our
Savior, be glory and Majesty, dominion and power, both
now and forever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Although we have received no Epistle from
you at this time, still we feel drawn in the fresh flowings
of that love which unites the hearts of the true disciples of
Christ wherever situated to salute you, praying that

the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may yet more and more abound with us, who profess His Holy name, that so while the powers of the earth are shaken by discord, we may be favored to trust in the name of the Lord, and stay ourselves upon our God.

May we in this day of our peculiar trial, feel our obligations to maintain faithfully our allegiance to our Lord, and unite in fervent aspirations of soul, that the shedding of human blood may be stayed, and oppression cease from our borders.

A feeling of tender sympathy has been manifested, at this time, for the afflicted and bereaved ones, who we believe are peculiarly the objects of Divine regard. May this class wherever and however situated, be encouraged to place their hope and trust in God. — Then shall we find that if sorrows abound, consolations do much more abound, and shall experience the promise of our blessed Saviour to be verified — "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto ye."

We have been blessed in this our annual assembly, which has been large, with the outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon us, causing many, we believe, mentally to exclaim — "How goodly are thy tents O Jacob, and thy tabernacle, O Israel." And, as, from day to day, the mighty affairs of Society have been considered, we have had reverently to acknowledge the subduing, harmonizing influence of that Spirit of wisdom and love, which pervades all rightly gathered assemblies.

Much salutary counsel has been imparted, and we have rejoiced anew in the assurance that in our Father's house is bread enough and to spare — Why should any soul perish of hunger. Let our dear young sisters, like with you and us, be encouraged to come freely to the throne of grace, to come just as they are, and make known their wants to their loving Saviour. If any hunger, He is the bread of life, if any thirst He is the living water. —

We have at this time the acceptable company of
several dear friends, from other Yearly Meetings, whose
gospel labors have been truly encouraging and strengthening
to us.

Now, the God of peace, that brought from the dead our
Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through
the blood of the unlasting covenant, make you perfect
in every good work to do His will, working in you that
which is well pleasing in His sight & to whom be glory
forever and ever. Amen.

We are in near love and gospel fellowship your
affectionate Sisters,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clarke

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We address you, dear Sisters, under a deep
sense of our great weakness and inability, of ourselves to speak
to the true witness in the heart, but seeking the aid of that
Almighty Spirit which can strengthen us to greet one another
in the fellowship of the truth, and to say, God speed you on
your way! We regret that we have not at this time received
your Sisterly Communication, but trust that our Epistolary
Correspondence will continue, for in this season of calamity,
which the judgments of the Lord seem truly to be on the earth,
it is especially more needful for His followers to form a closely
united band, depending for aid and guidance on their leaders,
the Captains of their Salvation.

Our Meeting has been large, and we may feelingly ac-
knowledge that the different sittings have been enriched by the
solemnizing presence of Him who condescends to be the head
of all rightly gathered assemblies. The beloved youth, of
whom there were many in attendance, have been affectionately invited
to make a full surrender of that which may be called for at

their hands, and through watchfulness and prayer may they witness the declaration of the Prophet to be verified -
"Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Canst have been our desire, that all, both young and old, may be incited to more faithful obedience, not looking too much to the duties others should fulfil, not flinching from service because it appears too difficult or too humble, but that, in all loneliness and darkness, they may follow their Guide, trusting in Him for ability to perform all that He calls for and considering nothing too much is required by Him, who, for our sakes, left a Heavenly throne and became "despised and rejected of men."

Many fields of labor are open to such as are willing to be thus employed, in one of them, the cause of Scriptural Instruction, you have been largely and devotedly engaged. With the Divine aid and blessing, great advantages may be derived from such investigations, and the principles we profess, founded as we believe, on pure Christian truth, may thereby take deeper root and bear fruit more abundantly in the hearts of all. May those who are engaged in this interesting work not be content when the mind is stored with Scriptural facts, if the heart is not willing to acknowledge the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world as its Lord and Leader.

And now, beloved Sister, in a fresh feeling of Christian fellowship, we bid you farewell. Though in these days of trial, the cloud of doubt may seem to attend us by day and the fire of affliction by night, may we all be permitted, through unmerited mercy, to enter at last into that glorious promise land, where the light of the Sun or the moon is not needed, for the glory of the Lord doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Lobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of African Friends,

Dear Sisters,

In the renewed openings of divine life, as we humbly trust, we address you, and acknowledge the receipt of your valuable Epistle of April 11th last.

How comforting is the thought that we are all indeed participants of the one great salvation, that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price, even the precious blood of the Son of God. The joy of the believer is indeed great in this; that, as he submits to the humbling, purifying influence of the Spirit of that Christ Jesus, he may know of an overcoming of all his soul's enemies, and feel how good it is thus to live, not only in the life that now is, but also, leaning on the blood of Jesus, to trust in the promise, that when He is, then we shall be also.

The fearful state of our colored country in consequence of the horrors of civil war raging in our midst, has caused us deeply to sympathize with the afflicted and bereaved, and we have been encouraged to ministrations both of our labor and our means, for the succor of the wounded and suffering; at the same time we have had renewedly to feel the importance of the early testimony borne by our predecessors against all wars and fighting.

We have had at this time the company of many dear Sisters, from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and joyful labors are truly encouraging and strengthening.

We have received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin, also from most on this continent, and we would acknowledge them among our many privileges.

And now, dear friends, we bid you farewell, with the salutation of love, and remain your Sisters.

Signed by direction and in behalf of the meeting,
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
Dear Sisters.

We salute you in the love of the gospel, and bid you welcome to the sisterhood, as a branch of a body long blessed, and in this your infancy as a separate organization, the language of David to his son Solomon seems applicable: "Know thou the God of thy Father, and serve him with a perfect heart and willingness of mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. Heaven has best you with a good land, a land flowing with milk and honey, does not the charge of King David further apply, "Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel and in the audience of your God, keep and seek for all the commandments of of the Lord your God, that ye may possess this good land and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you."

The belief that the truth is prospering among you and keeping pace with the march of civilization into the wide spread fields of labor, is cheering to us, particularly in this day, when the air seems full of sadness, and the South wind comes to us laden with lamentation and forebodings of the dying. But the encouraging language of James, a servant of God, inspired as with faith in the efficacy of prayer, "If any among you afflicted, let him pray," for our God remains to be a God answering as well as a God inspiring prayer. May the breathing of every heart be to the Father of Mercy, and God of all Comfort, for the universal promulgation of the peaceable doctrine, and precepts of Him, our Savior, when advent was ushered in by the angelic host with the Anthem — "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

We have had the company, at this time, of several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, where gospel labor has been comforting and edifying, and the prayer of our hearts has been raised to the

Given of very good and perfect gift, that the word, dropping
as the rain and distilling as the dew, may not return to
unto Men via, but prosper abundantly, and accomplish
all that for which it is sent. That thing mixed with faith
in them that hear, it will prosper, and all thereby be incited
to become, not only hearers, but doers of the word. That in
seasons like these, when the Stone is rolled from the mill, mouth,
and the flesh natured, we may not be forgetful to give
glory to God.

And now, dear Sisters, we commend you to God, and
the word of His grace, which is able to build us up, and
to give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified,
To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

At the early meeting of our Friends in New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with the meetings for worship at Wickford and Portsmouth on first day the 12th, and for discipline at Pawtucket on second day morning the 13th of sixth month, 1864.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting - viz.

From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Meader, Sarah A. Cohen, Mary A. Smith, Anna T. Dennis, Amy S. Smith, Ruth D. Gifford, Guilma Furber, Elizabeth Jackson, Eliza C. Reynolds, Mary Williams, Hannah B. Williams, and Abner C. Gifford.

From Salem - Avis Keene, Abigail W. Hanson, Josiah Folsom, Mary Nichols, Maria Chase, Lucie P. Osborne, Ruth D. Page, Hannah Page, Cynthia W. Huntington, Hannah B. Leighton, Beulah W. Rogers, and Abby W. Pratt.

From Sandwich - Ruth H. Baker, Anna S. Hood, Rhoda H. Taber, Mary Gifford, Susan Cleveland, Charles C. Dillingham, Ruth Ann Shepard, Frank C. Bradford, Huldah Gifford, Mary C. Potter, and Eliza Wade.

From Taunton - Lucy B. Douglas, Estience B. Hirslow, Susan P. Bartland, Mary A. C. Crookes, Jane P. Smith, Eunice Day, and Jane Pope.

From Whitfield - Phoebe S. March, Abigail S. Batten, Emma W. Power, Lydia C. Dow, and Ann C. Clark.

From Wareham - Ann C. Laro, Lydia T. Fay, Rachel B. Nichols, Lydia C. Taber, Martha Austin, Almira C. Hanson, Lydia A. Bartland, and Lavinia H. Jones.

From Dover - Lois J. Greene, Huldah S. Buffum, Hannah Merrill, Anna Varney, and Maria Pillsbury.

From Fairfield - Ann S. Fishburn, Eunice W. Laro, Eliza B. Jones, Meribah Richardson, Letitia J. Bailey, and Mary J. Page.

who are present except four, for the absence of three, satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Rachel B. Holder, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 5th of 3rd month last, aged 64 years and 8 months - and that William Rogers Jr. an Elder, and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, died on the 5th of 3rd month, 1863, aged 71 years and 21 days -

Taunton reports that Rachel Thrain, an Elder and member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th month 1863, aged 91 years, 8 months and 8 days, and that Lydia Thrain, a Minister, and member of the same Monthly Meeting, departed this life, 2nd month 18th, 1864, aged 84 years and 11 months.

Taunton informs that Thomas Jones, a Minister, and member of Exham Monthly Meeting, died 1st of 1st month, 1864, aged 83 years and 8 months.

Smithfield reports that Joel March, an Elder and member of Bridgton Monthly Meeting, deceased the 12th of 12th month 1863, aged 86 years and 7 months.

Tassalboro' reports that it has united with Unity Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of Martha Austin - with Tassalboro' Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval of Lucy G. Whitehouse; and also with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearance in the Ministry of Peace Jones; and in the appointment of Lois Farney to the station of Elder -

Lydia Mower, an Elder and member of Tassalboro' Monthly Meeting, deceased 5th of 10th month 1863, aged 84 years, and Jonathan Exter, an Elder and member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 30th of 1st. month, 1864, aged 83 years and 10 months.

Fairfield reports that it has united with Littlefield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah King and Reuben A. Jones to the station of Elder - that Eliza M. Lane, a Minister and member of Littlefield Monthly Meeting, died 2nd month 1864, aged 46 years, 6 months and 4 days - that Solomon Bailey

an Elder and member of the same Yearly Meeting, died 1st month, 26th, 1864, aged 80 years, 1 month and 24 days — and that Fathine S. Swan, a Minister and also a member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 2nd month 17th, 1864, aged 38 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Seven Epistles from London, Dublin, New-York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore, Western and Iowa have been received and read. These testimonials from our beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings, have all been interesting to us, but we have been especially touched by the unexpected reception of the one from North Carolina, it being the first communication we have received from them since 1860, the commencement of the fearful war that is still raging in our beloved country, the sorrowful effects of which they have so keenly felt. It seems indeed a sweet messenger, breathing of love and peace. We have been brought into near sympathy with our dear sisters in their isolated condition, surrounded as they are with many trials; yet it is deeply interesting to believe that while they did not receive an Epistle or have the company of a friend from another Yearly Meeting, that they were not forsaken, that the Minister of Minister was pleased to be in their midst, and they were able to acknowledge that they had a good meeting. May our united prayers be raised on their behalf, that they may continue to keep the eye single unto Him for help and direction, that however great and sore afflictions may be appointed unto them, their faith fail not. We appoint the following friends to consider the subject, and as ways open for it, prepare essays or replies to present to a future sitting of this meeting, viz: —

Carrie E. Boyce, Gertrude W. Bartland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Anna E. Wood, Anna E. Dennis, Lydia Howland, Rhoda H. Taber, Rachel B. Howland, Phoebe R. Gifford, Susan L. Latham, Mary K. Wing, Lydia P. Fry, Avis Keene, Guilhelma Howland, Susan Taber, Rebecca Kinsman, Rachel B. Nichols, Sarah E. Sutton, Lydia E. Howland, Mary B. Bradford, Maria Chase, Eliza Hall, Mary C. Jones, Abigail M. Hanson, Jane E. Miner, Eliza E. Turner, Sarah E. Taber, Susan Howland, Elizabeth Reader, Anna E. Lang, Rhoda E. Gifford, Cynthia Brown.

James B. Robinson, Seth H. Baker, Eliza B. Boyce and Ruth
D. Page.

We appoint James H. Tucker, Abigail S. Battey, Abby M. Pratt,
Esther M. Eastland, Jane C. Minot, Anna T. Dennis, and Martha
Austin, to prepare a summary from the answers to present to a
future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this
meeting, to confer on the subject of clocks, and reports this
afternoon.

We have been humbled this morning, under a sense of the
Lord's mercies, in permitting us, while His judgments are so
plainly manifest in many parts of our land, to assemble
in this manner to worship Him. We trust our hearts have
been bowed in gratitude, that He has been graciously pleased
to be with us in this opening sitting of our Yearly Meeting,
and the prayer has been raised, that we may by careful
attention to His pointings, be preserved from sitting to
sitting, that our thus meeting together may tend to His glory
and to our advancement in His truth.

We adjourn to the time when friends may meet this
afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the representatives, reported that
they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk, and
Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by
the meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the
evening year.

Having at this meeting, the acceptable company of our
beloved friends David Hunt of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting,
Iowa, Enos G. Poir of Milford Monthly Meeting, Indiana,
Jonathan De Tol of Moravia Monthly Meeting, New York,
Cornelius Douglas of Dover Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Aaron
L. Benedict of Union Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, William
L. Smith of Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Rebecca Lott
of New York Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth S. Comstock of Coler
Monthly Meeting, State of Michigan, Sarah M. Pratt of

Newbury Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Eliza French of First Lake
Monthly Meeting, Canada West, Sarah Ann Linton of Centre
Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Ruth C. Hall of Amherst Monthly
Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, satisfactory certificates
from their several meetings, expressive of unity with them
as ministers, and with their present religious engagements
were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved
friends, Mary Jane Debol accompanying her husband, our
friend Jonathan Debol, Margaret Hunt companion to our
friend Sarah M. Hiatt, Lucinda Hadley companion to
our friend Sarah Ann Linton, and of our friend Stephen
Hood of Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York. Satisfactory
credentials, expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with
their present engagements were received from their several
meetings.

We have likewise with us our dear friends, Kate N. Douglas
accompanying her husband, our friend Cornelius Douglas,
Fide H. Benedict accompanying her husband, our friend
Caron L. Benedict, Calvin Crane and Deborah B. Crane,
accompanying our friend, Elizabeth L. Cornstock, Eliza H.
Fanny accompanying our friend Eliza Brewer, Eliza H.
Livingston and Naomi C. Livingston companions to our friend
Ruth C. Hall, Elijah Harvorth companion to our friend
Cornelius Douglas, and Homer Betts assistant companion
to our friends Sarah M. Hiatt and Margaret Hunt, and
satisfactory testimonials have been received expressive of unity
with them as members, and with their present engagements.

We have also in attendance at this time, several dear
friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, without certificates
whose company is truly acceptable to us.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning 6th mo 14th, met at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of last year have been read.
Entered upon the state of Society by reading the queries
and answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th inclusive.

Resigned at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon. Met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and as this portion of the business claimed our attention, the deficiencies recorded in the answers to some of the Queries, called forth an expression of deep concern, and much tender counsel has been extended. The duty of attending all our religious meetings was forcibly brought to view. Where there is an indifference in this respect, an unwillingness to give up our time for this service, there must be a want of love to God to whom we are accountable for every moment of our time. May we not allow the engrossing things of this life, or any worldly consideration to separate us from the love of Him who giveth us all things richly to enjoy. Touching appeals have been made by dear aged Mothers now with us, who have come up to this meeting under great weakness and physical suffering, and who feel indeed that it is their evening sacrifice; not to neglect this very important service. As we become careless and lukewarm in this respect, it opens a door for the enemy, and for the entrance of many weaknesses. "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy honour dwelleth". Those who can adopt this language, will feel it a blessed privilege to assemble to worship Him, and even if He should not see meet to raise up a minister, they would be enabled to wait in silence upon the true minister of the sanctuary, even Christ Jesus, whom He heareth always; and experience His blessing to descend upon them.

Earnest have been the desires expressed for our dear young sisters, many of whom are in attendance with us, and upon whom the dew of heaven has descended, that this may be to them a season of refreshing from the Lord. Again and yet again has the call gone forth, come now and give yourselves and all that you have to Jesus, cast yourselves at His feet; seek for His spirit to lead, and His grace to guide you; seek to enter into covenant with Him, a covenant keeping God, and as He is pleased to point out the way in which He would have you to go, even though it may seem to you a path of

self-denial and of trial, walk ye therein. "So shall your issue flow as the river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea."

Apostle has the call gone forth at this time, to remember the poor and the distressed, and we have been reminded that if ever there was a day when the invitation of our Savior was extended to come and help the suffering and the destitute, it is now. The sick and wounded are in hospitals, in England, and on the battle field. The orphan and the destitute are around us, and the demand is abundant on every hand. Many there are whose hearts have been wrung with anxiety for the sufferers of our land, who have come forth nobly, and cast their gifts freely and cheerfully into the Lord's treasury for the benefit of these, but the cry is still for more. Thousands are looking to us for help, who have long been held in bondage, the children of oppression and ignorance, shut out from improvement of every kind, not allowed to read their Bible. And what shall be done for these? Surely the poor must be clothed, the ignorant educated, and the sinner visited. The door is open for us to labor, the field is large. Happily indeed will it be for those whom the Lord has blessed in basket and in store, if they are concerned to give of their abundance to the poor, they shall know the blessing of doing good, and shall experience the fulfilment of the promise that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The following is a Summary of the answers received, viz:

Answer 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except some small ones which were omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather, yet there appears to be a want of engagement with many in regard to this important duty, especially in the attendance of those held in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained between friends, yet some are deficient in these respects. Detraction not sufficiently guarded against.

Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans. 2d. Some care is taken to bring up those under our direction in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Friends are generally good examples herein themselves. We trust the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

Ans. 4th. The use of spirituous liquors is confined to medicinal purposes with few exceptions, where care has been taken. Careful in the other requisitions of this Query except in a few instances of attending places of public resort.

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved, their children freely partake of learning. Careful that none shall be placed from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline.

Ans. 7th. We believe Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony in regard to the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 8th. We think the several requisitions of this Query are duly observed.

Ans. 9th. Careful as to recording. Some deficiency as to Certificates.

Ans. 10th. We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in the manner required by Discipline, and to place judgment agreeably thereto.

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and we appoint Gertrude W. Bartland, Anna F. Genn, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Mary A. Smith, Lucas F. Tucker, and Ann Elmira Lang, to unite with a similar Committee of men friends to propose names to constitute a committee to have the care of the Boarding School for the ensuing year.

The adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Next day morning - met at 10 o'clock.

The London printed Epistle of 1863, fraught with deep

instructions, counsel and encouragement, peculiarly adapted to our condition at this time, has been read, and we said that the impression made upon our minds may not pass away as the early dew.

Essays of Epistles for London, Indiana and Baltimore have been read and approved.

We adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met at 4 o'clock.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year have been acceptably read at this time. They give abundant evidence that our brethren, in their arduous labors, have been directed aright.

An essay of an Epistle to North Carolina Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

The friends named to unite with a similar committee of men friends in selecting names to constitute a Boarding School committee, presented the following, viz: Susan Howland, Rhoda H. Taber, Sarah F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary R. Smith, George B. Robinson, George F. Spicker, Sarah J. Sampson, Ann D. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, and Rebecca C. Kinsman, which being acceptable to this meeting, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Report is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that in the Summer Term of the School there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-one pupils, viz: seventy-one males and fifty females, and in the Winter Term, one hundred and seventy-two, viz: one hundred males and seventy-two females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert C. Smiley, Principal; Alfred C. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Corwell, Jessie J. Lane, Mary R. Corwell, Teachers in the English Branch; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; William L. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Carter,

Teacher of Drawing. In the Summer Term, Eliza M. Dams, and in the Winter Term, Anna E. Johnson were also engaged in the English Department, and since the commencement of the Winter Term, Rebecca H. Smiley has occupied the position of Principal of the Female Department; it having been necessary for Eliza P. Smiley who has been acceptably associated with her husband in the government of the School, early in the summer to withdraw from active duties on account of her impaired health. The concerns of the Institution have been satisfactorily administered under this organization.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend Meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week; and other openings to advance the highest interest of the scholars, have been improved.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally good, except that, in the Winter Term, it was interrupted by the prevalence to a considerable extent, of mild indisposition, assuming the form, in several cases, of Diphtheria; all of whom recovered except Lucy Collins, daughter of William B. Collins, of Pikeskill, N. Y., who died on the 10th of 1st month, in the sixteenth year of her age. To commemorate the grace of our Holy Redeemer, signally manifested in her closing hours, we present the following extract from the Report of the Principal to us. "All who had the privilege of witnessing the ray which animated the countenance of this dear girl, and heard the almost constant expressions of love to her Saviour, of faith in His promises, and her trust that she would soon be forever happy, were deeply moved, and such thought that heaven was indeed brought very near to them."

This solemn event was thus noticed in the Minutes of the committee. "The account of the removal of our dear young friend has produced on our minds renewed sympathy for the afflicted relatives mingled with gratitude for this bright, happy close, so full of the glorious hope of a blessed immortality through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."

In the Winter Term another death occurred, from pulmonary

disease. Rufus Read died, after a short and severe illness, in his 25th year. He believed it due to the memory of our dear departed friend, to preserve, on the records of the Committee, the following minute: In the decease of Rufus Read, who for three and a half years had been very satisfactorily engaged as the Mathematical Teacher, we realize that this Institution has sustained a great loss. His faithful and efficient services were enhanced by a peculiar kindness, and readiness to assist in any department whenever called upon, while his amiable and unobtrusive manners endeared him to his associates.

His life thus suddenly terminated in the early meridian of his usefulness, was marked, at its close, by a clear demonstration of the truth, that, at such an hour, man has nothing to depend upon but the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. To those who stood around his dying bed, it was instructive and affecting to witness in one endeared to all who intimately knew him, his deep sense of the sinfulness of the human heart, and his ^{earnest} applications for the interposition of the ever-living Son of God. How full of grace and consolation is the Redeemer's promise, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out," and we reverently trust that our dear departed friend witnessed its validity, and is now realizing that, "To depart and be with Christ is far better."

The conflict of spirit was very great, occasioned by the consciousness, notwithstanding he had been remarkably engaged to discharge his social and relative duties, that the strength of his days had not been sufficiently devoted to loving and serving such a gracious Saviour; - to us a solemn warning to strive that our day's work may be done in the day time. We sympathize with his afflicted relatives and friends, desiring that they may be favored to draw near to the Father of mercies and "God of all comfort."

These dispensations of Divine Providence, impressive to all, were, we hope, especially blessed to some, in the awakening to necessity of life.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expense, for the past year, has exceeded the amount received from

all sources, about twelve hundred dollars. This deficiency has been occasioned by the greatly enhanced cost of all the supplies for the School. This subject had claimed our attention for some time past, but at our meeting in the Second Month it was concluded that the interests of the School imperiously required of us to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its sanction of the following advance in the rates of admission, to take effect at the commencement of the Summer Term, which was approved of by that Meeting, and the prices, thus altered, will be as follows: \$55 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; \$80 per term for members of other Yearly Meetings and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$125 for any others who may be admitted. An additional charge of \$5 continues to be made for Latin and Greek, French, German or Drawing. Although the cost of provisions has largely advanced since that time, we hope, with the continuation of the prudent management of our Principals that the increased rates may sustain the School without incurring a debt.

In conclusion, we would reverently and gratefully acknowledge the continued mercies of Him, our gracious Care-taker and Head who alone can prosper the work of our hands.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee
Gideon Congdon, Clerk.
Providence 5th Mo., 10th, 1864.

Note. Summer term of 1864 closes 9th Mo. 28th, 1864.
Winter term opens 11th mo 2d, 1864.
Summer term opens 5th mo 3rd, 1865.

Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited it is necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the Committee at their

meetings held in the third and sixth months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Incealf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee. and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term, and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,

Albert H. Smiley,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence R. I.

The subject of affording relief to the Freedmen of our country having been brought before us at this time, we appoint the following friends to unite with a committee of men friends in considering the subject of forming an association for their benefit and relief, viz: Sarah F. Tobey, Ruth B. Gifford, Gertrude H. Eastland, Rebecca S. Kinsman, Eliza B. Jones, Margaret M. Thompson, Anna S. Wood, Mary H. King, Christina M. Howland, Phoebe Tyler, Jane S. Miner, Esther Nichols, Phoebe A. Marble, Phoebe S. Miner, Ann B. Eule, Lydia S. Lee, Rachel B. Nichol, Grace Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Huldah S. Buffum, Love J. Greene, Susan S. Fair, Sarah A. Sampson, Fanny Dickinson, Ruth B. Tyler.

Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas B. Robinson, Elizabeth Breed, Abigail
L. Butler, Susan G. Kempton, Cynthia J. Earle, Anna Maria Coffin,
Ruth J. Challis, Eliza P. Tarnsey, Cynthia Bowen, Mary Glade,
Caroline Hazard, Elizabeth C. King, Lavinia Huntington, Electa
Jane Collins, Maria Buffinton, Hannah Gove, Elizabeth Potter,
Lucy L. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha Austin
Selina Litchorn, Mary B. King, Sarah Glade, Abby W. Pratt,
Ann Elmira Lang, Hannah Page, Susan Taber, Susan Gifford,
Lydia B. Gove, Mary Metcalf, Anna T. Ginnie, Selinda Metcalf,
Alice Cornell, Charity G. Tillingham, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H.
Baker, Martha C. Pratt, Joanna W. Grover, Susan Cartland, and
Jane Pope.

The adjourn to the time our friends may meet tomorrow
afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, 6th mo 16th, met at 4 o'clock.

The Representatives being called, are present except seven.

Excerpts of Epistles to our sisters of Iowa, Dublin, Ohio, New-
York, and Western Yearly Meetings have been read and approved
and the Clerk is requested to sign the same, with those read
at former sittings, and forward them to those Meetings
respectively.

We have received no report from the Committee on Education,
as several of the Monthly Meetings failed to report to that committee
there must necessarily be an imperfect one; and we re-appoint
the friends who served last year, with the substitution of Mary
J. Sage, in place of Lavinia M. Briggs, removed from
Litchfield Monthly Meeting, and they are requested to give
their attention to the subject, and report to this Meeting next
year.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following
minutes for our friend Rebecca Collins, and similar ones for our
friends, Elizabeth L. Comstock, Sarah M. Thatt, Eliza Brown
Sarah Ann Linton, and Ruth C. Hall, viz:

"Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins attended this Meeting. Her
conduct and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following

minute for our friend Mary Jane Sebolt, and similar ones for our friends, Margaret Hunt, Linda Hadley, Deborah B. Crane, Naomi C. Swington, Eliza H. Varney, Phoebe H. Benedict, and Phoebe R. Douglass, viz.

"Our beloved friend Mary Jane Sebolt attended this meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among its members.

During the several sittings of this meeting, we have felt the love of Christ to flow as from vessel to vessel, and have been able to acknowledge that it has been good for us to be here. We have taken sweet counsel together. And now, as we are about to separate, we fervently desire that "the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all - Amen."

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Epistles.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 12th of 5th month to the 16th of the same, and back, 1864.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

The salutation of love conveyed by your epistle of 5th month last, was acceptable to us, and we have seriously realized the blessing there is, in endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. The precious union that should, and that may, be the exercise of Christian charity, be maintained by the members of the body of Christ, which is the Church - through Him the holy Head -

however widely separated these members may be in the outland has been encouragingly accomplished at this time, by messages of Christian love and greeting from friends afar off, as well as those that are nigh, being brought among us by the love of Christ constraining them. The north and the south, the east and the west, have united in ascribing "Glory to God," and we have known the presence of the heavenly dove bearing over the waves of earthly discord and conflict, the olive branch of peace. Powerfully there fall daily upon our ear, the distant sounds and the nearer echoes of the notes of war. We know too truly and painfully of red fields of slaughter, and of bleeding hearts at home, of desolated fire-sides, and ruined plantations and farms. The voices of earth remind us of the natural pride of the unregenerate heart of man, of its lust of power and gain, even the gain of oppression and of robbery. Voices from Heaven tell us, "The Lord reigneth," and that "for the sighing of the poor, and the crying of the needy, He will arise." They tell of retribution, of punishment for guilt, and we bow beneath the merited chastisement. But in strains of softest melody and with soothing power, these heavenly voices also tell of Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost; of Him who still walks upon the stormy waves of human sorrow, and comes in hours of darkness to the hearts of his trembling tossed disciples, with the blessing, "Peace, be still."

We rejoice in witnessing and bearing witness, that the spirit of the good Samaritan has been granted to many of our fellow countrymen and women, enabling them generously and devotedly to minister to the temporal and spiritual needs of the thousands who languish from cruel wounds and illness, in camps and hospitals, in prisons, and in the open fields where they have fallen; and we lift up our hearts in praise and blessing unto Him, whose presence is still felt in the hour of extremity, as the physician of sorrow, who comes to these with healing in his wings, and who seeks to apply the balm of heavenly comfort, even to the wounds which sin has made. Varied and magnified be the work of Him, who over the ruins of man's fallen nature, sheds the light of heavenly life and who brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. We have rejoiced in learning that the hearts of man

friends among you, have been opened to hear the cry, and to send
by sending means for the relief of the suffering colored people from
slavery. Their claims upon our sympathy and help are imperative,
and friends in the various sections of our wide land, have united
in labor on their behalf, much remaining to be done in this great
and worthy cause, so peculiarly urgent upon ^{us} as a people, long
the professed friends of this oppressed race, and we trust to have
grace given us, and enlargement of heart, that we may not
be weary in well doing.

In the love of Christ, which has power to overcome all
sectional and national prejudices, and to overleap all barriers of
contending armies and difficulties, of distance and of danger, our
beloved friends in North Carolina, have conveyed to us, a touching
expression of their trust in God, and their experience of His protecting
care, as well as of their continued and renewed sense of fellowship,
through Christ the Head, with even the distant members of
His Church. Our hearts have been tendered in the reading hereof
amongst us, and many prayers have arisen for their preservation,
with our own, beneath the shelter of the Rock of Ages.

In conclusion, dear sisters, we commend ourselves to your
prayers, that, when the permitted chastening, which, for the present,
is not joyous but grievous, may have done its appointed work,
we may witness the return of peace and prosperity, and be
prepared by this very experience, more earnestly to hope and to
labor through the love of God, shed abroad in our hearts, for the
universal prevalence of that spirit, which inspired the anthem,
sung by the Heavenly Hosts to the waiting shepherds, "Glory to
God in the Highest, on earth Peace, good will to men."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Lober Clerk

To Quilted Quilt Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

With thankful hearts for the renewed testimony of
your continued love and sympathy, we acknowledge your

acceptable Epistle. Beside the cares and concerns, incident to our position in the Church, and which, in many respects, seem pressing upon us, in an inscrutable Providence, it has fallen to our lot to be made sharers in the afflictions which have been permitted to overtake our beloved Nation, and your kinder sympathy with us in this our calamity, is truly grateful.

Our Meeting has been largely attended, and we have felt the wing of Ancient Goodness to be spread over us. Many fervent petitions have been put up, for Divine aid and direction in this our day of peculiar trial. The dear young sisters have been invited to come and labor in the Lord's vineyard. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

There never was a time that called more loudly than the present, to come to the feet of Jesus, and there in stillness, wait for Him to show us what He requires at our hands. We have been admonished not to move in our own strength, or unbidden, put forth the hand to help steady the ark, but to wait for that still small voice, that teaches as never man taught. Earnest have been our desires, that we might lie low until the whirlwind and the tempest pass by, and that inspiring voice bids us arise and go forth in the Lord's power, trusting in His arm to carry us safely on through all that He may require at our hands. A wide field of labor is open before us and we feel to thank our Heavenly Father, that our hearts have been made willing for His service. The calls are many. The cry of the oppressed and suffering is heard on every hand.

Pray for us, dear sisters, that our faiths fail not, that we may firmly rely upon the rock of ages. Pray the Barons and Lords be found amongst us, qualified to lift up the hands that have fallen, and strengthen the feeble knees.

Finally, dear sisters, may the Lord be with us all, that when our allotted work is finished, a few more battles fought, a few more victories won, we may lay down our lives in peace, and our immortal souls permitted to enter the Pearl gates into the Celestial city, to join in anthems of praise to God and the Lamb forever.

With the salutation of love, we remain your Sisters.
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
C. S. E. C. C. C.

To our next meeting of the same kind.

Dear Sisters.

In the love and feelings of our Heavenly Father's love, do we again salute you; having been drawn, by the cementing influences, near unto "him" and to each other, we have laid this banner over us to be love, and have been permitted, in a manner, as we trust, to sit at the feet of Jesus, and to receive, both immediately and instrumentally, good conversion for us. And we believe, that to such as came off, under a sense of great poverty and need, the promise has been verified, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

You have been brought very near to us, by the reading of your epistle of last month, and our hearts have been quickened by the expression of your Christian interest, and continual affectionate remembrance. We have also received acceptable epistles at this time, from all the Lady Meetings with which we are in correspondence, and our hearts have been introduced into much sympathy with our dear sisters of North Carolina, surrounded as they have long been by the trials and conflicts, the desolation and sorrow of a civil war. The expression of their confidence in God, their experience of His protecting care, and their trust in the promises of Jesus, in their hour of great need, is comforting and encouraging to us.

Many of our dear young sisters, we believe, are under the preparing hand for exaltation, and these have been encouraged to enter into the Lord's service, and labor faithfully and cheerfully, for, while the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. New and important fields opening before us, call for renewed dedication of heart to the service of Him, who did that we might live.

The situation of the homeless, dependent Freedmen, now brought, as it were, to our very doors, has been a subject of deep interest with us at this time. Their claims upon our sympathy, and active benevolence, are imperative, and while we feel that much has been done

for the service of man, we are ever engaged in the care of
the Lord of Hosts, who has action for their deliverance, still,
their need, so great and pressing, calls for increased exertions,
and we have been encouraged to give freely of the abundance
with which we have been blessed, for the alleviation of the
sufferings of this deeply injured people.

The rejoice that an increasing interest is manifested in
the subject of education. Great watchfulness is necessary in
training the susceptible minds of children. May the dear
mothers, with you and us, watch over the tender lambs of
the flock, and bear them on their hearts in availing prayer
to God, that He will lay His hands on them, and bless
them. May they seek His train when up in the way in
which He would have them to go, preparing them for the
trials and temptations to which they may be exposed, when
they go out from their more immediate care, following them
with a mother's prayer, that they may be kept from the
evil that is in the world, that when the solemn inquiry is
made, where are the lambs committed to their care, the answer
may be, Here am I, Lord, and the Lambs thou hast given me.

With fervent prayers for every class amongst you, for your
preservation on Christ, the Rock of Ages, we bid you affectionate
farewell, and are your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah S. Tobey Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

In the reading of your accessible epistle of South Weymouth,
with those from other Yearly Meetings, our hearts have
been deeply touched with a feeling of Christian sympathy. It
is indeed a day wherein we may say, "God calleth unto thee a
the noise of the water-spouts; all the wave and the billow are
gone over me," yet may we not humbly trust the Lord will come
his loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night, the

song shall be with us. Let us then, dear friends, in this time of
our calamity, put our trust in God's unchangeable Word,
and in His precious promises, which are so often verified to us,
and, while our hands are ready to hang down, through fear
and trembling, may we not have the hope He will send for
our help, and scatter the enemies of our souls' peace; for His
promise is 'peace, peace, to him that is far off, and to him
that is near, saith the Lord, and I will heal him'.

It is a precious privilege to be able to cling to Him in this
season of 'trials', to know Him to be a present Saviour, a God
nigh at hand, and not afar off, to know that His care and
love to the faintest cry for mercy and for help, that His
omniscient eye sees all our griefs, and that His all-powerful
hand is guided by His infinite love. Seeing He is able to do
so much for us, may we afresh commit ourselves to His
loving care, that we may be preserved from danger seen
and unseen, and know our trust to be in Him, the Rock of
Ages, Christ Jesus our Lord, who suffered on Calvary's Mount for
our sin, that He might redeem us from all iniquity.

Our meeting has been large, and the feet of many of the
Gospel messengers have been turned towards us. The glad
tidings of salvation have been proclaimed in our midst, and
all invited to come to the Saviour, while yet time and opportunity
are afforded them. We have also been reminded that there
never was more need of labour in the Lord's vineyard. Lazarus
is even now at the gate. There are the suffering to soothe, the
ignorant to teach, and the naked to clothe, and truly such work
will be blessed in the day, when the sentence shall be pronounced,
"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these
my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

And now, dear sisters, we bid you farewell, trusting that
though trials and conflict surround you, you may yet experience
the peace of God that passeth all understanding, and that
it may wholly keep your hearts and minds through Christ
Jesus. In the bonds of Christian fellowship we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah L. Tobey Clerk

The Love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Dear Sisters,

The Lord has led us to this place, again to meet at this time, and through great mercy, to witness the cementing influence of the love of Christ. Under this precious feeling, a purified corner of spirit has been felt for the welfare of the Church, and for the prosperity of the Kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour. In the world, said he, ye shall have tribulations. We are exhorted to run the race set before us, with patience. Reliance on His all-sufficient arm, faith in His precious blessed promises, with humility of soul, will enable the Believer to rejoice in tribulation. Let us then look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, as the never failing source of strength; even to Him, who, for the sin that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hatchfulness unto prayer, is the duty and privilege of the Believer, and as we abide in this, the presence of the Comforter is experienced, even that spirit of truth, which brings all things to remembrance, that might witness for God in the soul, whose fruits, as described by the apostle are, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. Thus believing, the Spiritual Kingdom comes to be the more real, in which the weak, and little children in Christ, do behold the face of their Father in Heaven. Many vacant seats of departed worthies, remind us of loved ones, gone before, as we reverently believe, to that world, where change is unknown, and we have desired, that, when our journey is ended, we also, like them, may have given us the assurance of a life whose work has been well done, as faithful servants, be permitted to enter into the joy of our Lord.

The sufferings, the afflictions, the griefs and the bereavements, are present upon the dreadful war going on in the midst of our beloved country, the widow's wail, the orphan's cry, the suffering of the fatherless, the agonies of the Hospital, have deeply stricken our hearts. But have we not as a nation, been forgotten of God, and said in our hearts, He shall never be moved? Is he not now answering? Behold, "I am he that reigneth." Oh, dear Sisters, let us learn in

these afflictions, that "it is He who setteth up, and He who
casteth down." Let us look unto Jesus, whose precious words we
shall reap, if we find not." We have thankfully acknowledged the
presence of many dear Sisters, whose labours of love have been
edifying and strengthening. Your brother acceptable spirit has
been read, to our comfort. We rejoice in the evidence of unity
and sympathy of distant Sisters, and are cheered, and animated
thereby.

In the love of Christ we salute you, and remain your friends.

Signed in direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Caral E. Foley Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear sorrowing Sisters.

A little band of mourners, isolated from every
other branch of the sisterhood, by one of the relentless restrictions of
war, how has been brought to mind the language of the prophet
concerning "him," in whom only, we are now united, and through
whose mediation, silently and apart, can we bear one another's
burthens, "He trod the winepress alone, and of the people, there
was none with him." Though no outward demonstration of our
sympathy and sisterly love may have reached you, yet we
confidently believe, that the covenant remains unbroken, a
covenant, made long ago between us, like Jacob's of old in the
mount of Gilgal, when he said, "Come thou, let us make a
covenant, Lord thou", when he gathered together the stones in
a heap, as a perpetual witness of friendship, between him and
Laban, on which was inscribed the emblematic, "Thippah", the
Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from
another." Even as Jacob then offered sacrifice in the morning, so
now, in this time of deep proving to the seed of the "Blessed of
Bac", the sacrifice of separation from some of your loved ones,
is called for, for a brief season only, we will turn the burden
supplicate. God, in mercy, hear and answer prayer, blessing you
with a happy reunion. But if, for the sin of this whole nation,

when the prophetic language seems fulfilling, "the Lord hath given the arrow, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation," he in his wisdom, delay not longer the blessed fiat, "hitherto, but no farther", let the language be that of resignation, "they will be done." Of those of your brethren who are under the strong arm of military power, as that ancient law, which admitted of no reversions, and which safeguarded the life of the venerable prophet, in his preservation of his fidelity to his God, of those we would be the comforting reminder, that Daniel's God sent his angel, that he shut the mouths of the lions, that they should not hurt him, forasmuch as before him, innocency was found in him, and he was delivered unharmed from the depths of the den. "Then wrote King Darius unto all people, nations and languages, that dwell in all the earth, peace be multiplied unto you." May the King of kings and Lord of lords write, from the teachings of this eventful past and present, as with the blood of its martyrs, peace be multiplied to the very ends of the earth.

The epistle of your last annual gathering of the year 1863, has come to us, "as good news from a far country", and may its going forth from you, not to return, like the dove from the ark, which bore the olive branch of peace, be accepted as a harbinger, betokening good. The many messengers with us, from abroad, messengers of the gospel of peace, already seem commissioned to execute the prophetic command, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God, speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquities is pardoned, for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. There, the ambassadors of the word, have been led at this time, vocally, to utter the silent prayer of the united congregation on your behalf, and that strong faith evinced in your teaching epistle, may be a lesson to us, of trust and patience, of faith in the strong arm of our God, faith in the Son, Jesus Christ our only hope of Salvation. From the altar of our hearts, arises the ascription of praise for multiplied mercies; salvation in glory, and honor and power, unto the Lord our God, forever.

With the reassurance of our love and tender sympathy, we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah S. Tobey Clerk

To the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Cause.

Dear Sisters.

Since more are we permitted through the merciful condescension of the Great Head of the Church, to meet in this our Annual Assembly; and while we realize the deep sorrow, privation, and sufferings, in which many portions of our beloved country are still involved, our hearts are bowed in humble gratitude to the Father of all, for the unnumbered blessings conferred upon us.

Gathered, as we trust, in obedience to our Heavenly Father's will, we cannot have been our desires, that we might reverently wait for the guidance of His Holy Spirit, which alone can qualify for acceptable service; and as we are enabled thus to abide, in a submissive teachable spirit, as at the feet of our Divine Master, how do we experience our hearts filled with love to Him, and that affectionate interest in each others welfare which overrules all selfish considerations, to which distance interposes no barrier, and which embraces all who are seeking to be the dedicated followers of our Blessed Saviour, in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

Our Yearly Meeting is largely attended, and we are favored with the company of several dear friends from abroad, whose labors of love in the gospel have been truly strengthening. Your instructive and encouraging epistle of last year, and those from other Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read amongst us, and we hope not lightly to estimate the value of this epistolary intercourse, believing as it is continued under the promulgation of Him who is the God of Love, it will be blessed to our establishment in the truth, and we may be comforted together by our mutual faith.

The state of our beloved society, as exhibited in the reports from subordinate meetings, has introduced our minds into much seriousness. Neglect in the attendance of meetings is represented as of frequent occurrence, and it is generally observable that where this exists, other deficiencies are also apparent. We have been tenderly exhorted not to allow the inordinate love of worldly pursuits to engross our attention, and thus lose sight of the importance of this duty, but to endeavor, by watchfulness unto prayer, to improve all the means afforded us, "to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The consideration of the subjects embraced in our Third Query, has

awakened self feeling. The proper education of the young is indeed a question of vital interest, and we believe many dear mothers have at this time been led to close self-examination, querying with their own hearts, whether they are in the highest sense, good examples to their children, whether they are fulfilling as Christian mothers should, the duties of their sacred trust. We feel assured that as mothers are thus honest with themselves, and under a sense of their own inefficiency, ask wisdom of Him who giveth liberally, they will receive ability to perform every parental duty, and be led in many instances to devote more of their personal attention to the training and religious instruction of their precious charge; manifesting less willingness to delegate to others, a care which naturally devolves upon them. Mother, Home and Heaven, it has been remarked, are the three sweetest words in our language, and do they not come to many of our hearts, beautifully blended with the recollections of childhood, when a tender pious Mother, her own heart filled with the love of Christ, and esteeming the spiritual good of her children above any temporal advantage, would gather them around her, and with the fond accents of maternal affection, read to them the sublime truths recorded upon the sacred page, dwelling upon the beauty of holiness, the reward of the righteous, the joys of Heaven, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the goodness of God which leadeth to repentance; and pointing to the dear Redeemer who laid down His life for them, and is able to guide and save all who obey the teachings of His holy spirit in their hearts. Such labors as these are often eminently blessed; seldom, if ever, is their influence entirely lost. Years may pass away, the old home may be forsaken, and that mother's voice may be silent in death, but yet amid the busiest scenes and temptations of after life, we are brought freshly back the endearing associations of those early hours, with a subduing restraining power.

The morn, with you, beloved sisters, that war continues to spread its desolation and misery over our land, and many fervent prayers have ascended that "He who judgeth the world with righteousness, and the people with equity," will in His own good time, be pleased to say, "it is enough," cause the fetters of the oppressed to be broken, and the sword of the destroyer stayed. Our sympathies go forth to the homeless dependent freedmen, and to the poor and fatherless in their affliction, and we desire to be found embracing

every opportunity to alleviate the sufferings of the sick, wounded, and destitute.

• We feel indeed that the present is a period of peculiar trial. Our faith is sometimes strongly tested, but we are comforted in the belief that as we endeavor to abide under the wing of the Almighty, seeking His counsel, we shall be enabled in word, and deed, to uphold all our Christian testimony, and realize in the midst of surrounding confusion, "a peace which passeth all understanding," a quiet and safe establishment upon the Rock immutable.

And now, dear sisters, in bidding you farewell, great is our solicitude, that through Jesus Christ our Lord, we may be enabled to walk by the same rule, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; that finally it may be given us to eat of the Tree of Life, in the midst of the Paradise of God.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah L. Tobey Clerk

To Testimonies Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

In assembling together at this time, we have felt it cause for reverent gratitude, that amid the confusion and tumult which prevail in many parts of our land, we have been permitted to meet at the accustomed season in quietness and peace, to worship the Lord our God, who in His loving kindness and tender mercy has preserved us hitherto, and to transact the affairs of the Church which have claimed our attention in harmony and love.

We can in humility acknowledge the conviction that the crowning presence of the great Head of the Church has not been withheld from us, and under His quickening influence of His Holy Spirit, our hearts have been touched with a sense of our great responsibility as Christians, and that while sickness and suffering abound in our land, and the yoke of the oppressor is being broken, a great work is opening before us.

Let us thankfully, joyfully, enter the door of usefulness, sustained by an undivided arm, and in the love of Christ our Lord, and in the ability which He giveth, labor for the promotion of the blessed cause.

Our hearts have turned with warm and renewed feeling, to your large and interesting yearly meeting, embracing as it does, so many in the morning of life, and the strength and meridian of their days. The lambs of the flock have ever been the Shepherd's tender and peculiar care. We would reverently acknowledge that we believe the Heavenly Shepherd has been near us at this time gathering the lambs in His ~~loving~~ arms, and carrying them in His bosom, strengthening their desire to be kept in His loving care and to be led by Him into the green pastures and by the still waters of life. As these, having come to Christ, are made willing to yield themselves wholly to His blessed guidance, though their path may sometimes lead through rough and thorny ways, they will be enabled to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, and their hearts will at times overflow with peace.

A fresh visitation has we believe, been extended to the Mothers in our midst, and they have been tenderly encouraged to bring their children to Jesus, in faith and in earnest prayer, and though they may not for a long season witness any blessed results, yet as they continue "always to pray and not to faint," their prayer and tears may be found to have excited a restraining influence, and they may prove as "bread cast upon the waters, which shall be found after many days."

We have received at this time a communication from our beloved sisters of North Carolina, which has not been our privilege since 1860. The patient, sweet and trusting spirit which it breathes was truly encouraging and comforting to us, reviving our faith, that "He who loved his own will love them unto the end," as they continue to repose all their trust and confidence in Him.

And now dear sisters we bid you affectionately farewell, desiring your growth "in Grace, and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah L. Tobey Clerk

To Some Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Our hearts have been made glad by the reading of your excellent and lively epistle of Ninth Month last, whose words seem to come to us fresh from the fountain of life, and we feel drawn, as we trust in the flowing of the love of Jesus, to offer you our affectionate salutation. The lively interest expressed by you, in the various subjects coming within the cognizance of your Yearly Meeting, reminds us of the peculiar advantages you enjoy, (by reason of the freshness of your organization,) for advancement in the path of spiritual progress. Weaknesses and hindrances of many kinds, naturally and imperceptibly creep into older associations from which you are at present free, and our desire for you is, that, keeping very near to Him who is the leader of His people, the Head and High Priest of His Church, you may be so blessed that "the cause of Christianity may indeed be advanced by your organization", and we, together, be animated and encouraged to increased diligence in every good word and work.

We have also received at this time, Epistles from beloved sisters of other Yearly Meetings, all of which have been truly acceptable and comforting to us, but in an especial manner has this been the case in regard to one from our beloved sorrowing sisters of North Carolina, breathing a spirit of faith and trust in the midst of their great trials and privations, which has read to us a powerful lesson, and renewed the assurance that the safety and blessedness of the Christian, consist not in the number of his consolations ^{as} to the outward, but where afflictions have abounded, the consolations of the gospel have much more abounded. Our sympathies have been afresh extended toward them, and many prayers have been raised on their behalf, that the God of all consolation may bless them in His special blessing. Let us, with you, beloved sisters, lift our hearts in thankful humility to God, that while the desolating scourge of civil war is so widely extended over our once peaceful and happy country, we are permitted to dwell in security, and to meet together in peace. Let not these blessings be received by us with indifference

But with earnest and prayerful spirits, let us say, "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards us." A door is widely opened before us, for service in His cause, and every one may find something to do for Christ. His suffering children are everywhere around us. And Jesus has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The sick and wounded, suffering in field and hospital and prison, widows, fatherless children, brotherless sisters to be sympathized with, assisted and consoled. Poor suffering refugees from bondage, needing protection, care and instruction. Such not one can say, there is no work for me to do. And while, in the maintenance of our religious testimony against all wars and fighting we are restrained from doing some things which our fellow Christians consider lawful and right, let us be the more earnest and vigilant in the performance of those duties, which involve no scruples of conscience, giving our time, our money and our sympathy in no stinted measure, remembering that "God loves a cheerful giver."

Our meeting is large, and we have the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, messengers of the gospel of the Prince of Peace. We gladly welcome these dear ones among us, and in the constraining love of Jesus, the weak have been strengthened, the fearful encouraged, the erring warned, the mourning comforted, and Christ, our Saviour, exalted over all.

Farewell, dear Sisters in Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.
Sarah G. Tobey Clerk

As the Fair, Union of Women Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 11th, and for discipline at Narragansett on second day morning, the 12th of 6th month, 1845.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island - Elizabeth Meader, Anna T. Jennie, Sarah F. Tobey, Laura C. Chase, Hannah B. Williams, Mary D. Collins, Eubichna Freeman, Lettice H. Cardland, Mary A. Smith and Ruth B. Gifford:

From Salem - Susan L. Brown, Elizabeth Love, Elizabeth Page, Hannah B. Lighton, Rebecca C. Fineman, Mary Nichols, Eunice Johnson, Mary E. Reed, Abigail M. Hancock, Abby W. Pratt, and Hannah Page:

From Sandwich - Mary Thove, Anna S. Wood, Lydia Congdon, Susan S. Kempton, Betsey S. Wood, Ruth Ann Shepard, Mercy E. King, Phoebe S. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Potter, Rebecca A. Church, Lydia Swain and Lois B. Gifford:

From Wrentham - Jane C. Minot, Eunice J. Rich, Jane Lyle, Lydia Stinelow, Lucy B. Douglas, Elizabeth Ann Douglas, Lydia M. Pope, and Mary M. Cook:

From Smithfield - Thiebe Andrews, Roanna W. Groom, Mary B. King, Elizabeth W. Babcock, Maria Aldrich, and Lucy E. Pappan:

From Wrentham - Ann C. Lang, Lydia S. King, Rachel S. Nichols, Hannah S. Whitbrook, Almira S. Hancock, Maria Jones, Mary S. Jones, Lydia S. Jones, and Maria S. Nichols:

From Dover, Hannah Wood, Lydia S. Gifford, Hannah S. Gifford, Abigail Gould and Maria Gifford:

Smithfield. John J. Bailey, Mary J. Page, Mary
King and Maria H. Jones: -
who are present except five; for the absence of three,
satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs that it
has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting, in the
appointment of Esther Chase to the station of Elder
Beriah Collins, an Elder and member of Greenwich
Monthly Meeting, deceased the 4th of 6th month, 1864,
aged 52 years, 4 months and 10 days, and Anna
Howland, an Elder and member of the same meeting,
died 4th month 27, 1865, aged 64 years, 2 months
and 7 days.

Salem reports that it has united with Haver
Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary B. Taig
to the station of Elder, and with Seabrook Monthly
Meeting, in the appointment of Josiah D. Challis to the
same station; that it has also united with Salem
Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in
the ministry of Ruth D. Page, who has since, on the
28th day of 4th month departed this life, aged 39
years and 5 months; that Miriam Newhall, an Elder
and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 9th
month, 11th, 1864, aged 77 years, and that Enock
Page, an Elder and member of the same Meeting,
deceased 3d month 29th, of the present year, aged
75 years and 4 months.

Sandwich informs that Ruth Davis, a Minister and
member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th
month 2d, 1864, aged 86 years, 4 months and 12 days
and that William Gifford a Minister and member of
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 18th
of 2d month, 1865, aged 86 years, 10 months, and 26 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham
Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth A.
Douglas, to the station of Elder.

Smithfield informs that it has united with Smithfield
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nelson

Safe to the station of Elder.

Fernalboro has decided with Unity Monthly Meeting, in appointing Jane A. Farney to the station of Elder.

Dover reports that it has decided with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Paul Hogg, to the station of Elder; that Phoebe H. Meader, an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, died 15th month 20th, 1864, in the 40th year of her age and that Elizabeth Farney, an Elder, and member of the same meeting, deceased, 5th month, 26th, 1865, aged 73 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Fairfield informs that Olive King, an Elder, and member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, deceased, 8th month, 5th, 1864, aged 5 years and twenty days.

Interesting Epistles from our sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore and Western Yearly Meetings have been read, and the deep instructions, tender counsel and loving sympathies that these breathe, have seemed peculiarly precious to us at this time; and we appoint the following friends to consider the subject, and as soon as we for it, prepare essays of reply to a be sent to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz:—

Dorcas K. King, Rachel S. Howland, Anna G. Wood, Mary B. Bradford, Rebecca C. Kimman, Susan Taber, Gertrude W. Cartland, Olivia C. Oliver, Ann C. Lane, Sarah Jones, Emily C. Dudley, Susan Howland, Phoebe B. Safford, Hannah Y. Jenkins, Rhoda H. Taber, Elizabeth Meader, Rachel B. Nichols, Cynthia Brown, Charity G. Dillingham, Dorcas F. Tucker, Maria Chase, Mary A. Clarke, Mary F. Wheeler, Lydia C. Jenkins, Catherine Spurgeon, Ann Maria Brown, Dorcas S. Robinson, Abigail M. Clancy, Anna T. Dennis, Abby Dean, Lydia Congdon, Peace Nichols, Abigail S. Battey, Aris Mumford, Lucy B. Douglas, and Lydia Ann Cartland.

We appoint Mary A. Smith, Hannah Inorrel, Lydia S. Lane, Elizabeth Cove, Susan S. Brown, Rebecca C. Smedley, and Gertrude W. Cartland to prepare a

summary of the answers to present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the place of this Meeting to confer on the subject of Slavery, and report this afternoon.

In closing the first sitting of our Yearly Meeting, we would make some record of our grateful sense of our Heavenly Father's love in permitting us to assemble once more to wait upon His blessed name, and to transact the affairs of the Church. We have come up to this our annual gathering, the past four years under great suffering, on account of the dreadful war that has been desolating many parts of our beloved country. We come now under the blessing of peace. Praised and honored be His name, who has sheathed the sword, and stayed the shedding of blood. And while our hearts are tendered and humbled before the Lord, and raised in thanksgiving to Him for this great mercy, that so many can rejoice in an unbroken circle, let us remember the shorn families, the lonely fire-sides, the mourning widows and orphans all over our land, and bring them in our prayers to God, interceding for the fulfillment to them of His gracious promise, "Leave their fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let the widows trust in me."

The removal of our beloved and honored President Abraham Lincoln under circumstances so peculiarly afflictive, has filled our hearts with sorrow. We mourn him as a Nation's loss, and even as a personal bereavement; but we mourn not as those without hope, neither do we question the justice and the mercy of Him, who permitted this great affliction to come upon us. Rather would we seek to bow in humble gratitude to Him who gave Him to rule over us in our country's greatest need, and without whose notice not a sparrow falls.

We adjourn to the time when Friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to appointment.

Ludia Congdon, on behalf of the Representatives reported that they were united in proposing David S. Taber for Clerk, and Ezra B. Boyce for assistant Clerk, which being approved by the meeting, they were appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

We have, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, William Greene, who presented satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of Lebanon, held 2d month 16th, 1865 the Quarterly Meeting of Boston, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin in the 11th month last.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Daniel Barker, of Deep River Monthly Meeting, North Carolina; Shalom Cox, of Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, North Carolina; Joseph D. Hoag, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; William Haughton, of Rayeville Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Isaac Jay, of Vincennes Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Robert Walter Douglass, of Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Edward M. Folland, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Seneca Hazard, of Norwich Monthly Meeting, New York; Levi Knowles, and Henry Jewell, of Farmham Monthly Meeting, New York; Mary M. Miller, of Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa; and Caroline E. Talbot, of Smithfield Mon. M. Meeting, Ohio. Certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements, were presented.

Our beloved friends, William A. Taber, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, a minister who accompanies our friend Edward M. Folland; Rhoda Jay, an Elder, accompanying her husband Isaac Jay; Ruth Birney, an Elder accompanying to our friend Caroline E. Talbot, and Louisa M. Tompkins, an Elder of Bloomingdale Monthly Meeting, - presented testimonials from their several meetings.

Our friends Charles S. Hubbard, companion to William Houghton; Cyrus G. Tringle companion to Joseph F. Hoar; Seneca Stephens, companion to Levi Snowden; Deborah M. Hazard, accompanying her husband, Seneca Hazard and John R. Miller, accompanying his wife, Mary M. Miller, - being with us, presented minutes from their respective monthly meetings, expressing unity with them as members and with their present engagement.

We have, also at this meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Francis J. King, who presented a minute of Baltimore Monthly Meetings, expressing unity with him as an Elder, and with his religious concern to attend this yearly meeting.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning. Met near 10 o'clock.

The Minutes of last year have been read.

Entered upon the state of Society, by reading the queries and Answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Third day afternoon. Met at 4 o'clock.

The remaining queries and Answers were read and the consideration of this important portion of the business that claimed our attention has been felt to be one of deep interest.

The deficiencies in regard to the attendance of our religious meetings have awakened a concern in many minds, and we have been encouraged to greater faithfulness and dedication in this respect. In what better way can we spend the precious time our blessed Lord and Master has given us, than in assembling ourselves together to worship Him. We may often feel, and mothers especially so, as the hour of our weekly meeting approaches, that there are many hindering things to prevent their attendance, but there

are those who are able to declare that great and rich
has been their reward, when they have been made
willing to press through difficulties and bustling
cares, to present their bodies a living sacrifice before
the Lord. These have realized the fulfiling of the
promise, "I will open the windows of Heaven and
pour you out a blessing that there shall not be
room enough to receive it." May none fall into the
error of believing that they may safely neglect the
attendance of our religious meetings. If we are
concerned to wait upon our Father in Heaven, at
home; to have our hearts raised in prayer to Him
for counsel, who is the best of counsellors, we shall
be directed aright and shall feel it to be our duty
to meet with our brethren and sisters to worship Him.

We have been reminded, at this time, that silence
is not worship; that when thus assembled, there must
be a true engagement to wait upon the Lord, a
desire to have the heart brought into subjection to
His will, and raised in prayer to Him who is
alone worthy of worship, and to be had in reverence
of all those that are about Him. As this is our
concern, though the meeting may be small, and
no words spoken, we believe the promise will be
verified, "Where two or three are gathered together in
my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We have been admonished not to give way to a
spirit of drowsiness in our meetings. No heart can
enter into prayer with God, when it is lulled to
sleep by the enemy, who dares to enter with us,
even into the sanctuary, and there spread his net
over us. We are, indeed, compassed about with many
weaknesses. Let us seek to draw nigh unto God, who
alone is the dispenser of the bread of life, and who
is able to break it, and bless it according to our
several needs.

Mothers have been afresh encouraged carefully to
guard and watch over their children; to desire first

of all to give them a religious education, and early to commence the powerful training of their hearts for Heaven; to seek to bring them to the Saviour, and seal His blessing upon them; to offer a word of encouragement, when they are hesitating and doubting; after repentance and if needful, a word of caution or rebuke, asking of Him who knoweth the thoughts and intents of the heart, to bless it as their food.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols, was a charge early given, and may be equally appropriate in this day. Great is the responsibility of mothers in the right training of their children. How important that we do not encourage them in a love of those things that are not for their peace, that we do not encourage them in a love of those things that are not for their peace, that we do not love them better than our Saviour, and thus make idols of them; but that we pray earnestly to Him who alone is able to lead them by living streams for ability to train them up in His love and fear.

And the dear young sisters have been tenderly and lovingly invited to come to Jesus - "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not", was His blessed command. He is inviting you, still to come, saying give me thine heart. Come then, and wait at His footstool, to hear the gracious words that proceed out of His mouth. Keep the eye steady upon Him, your leader and your guide, to Him alone, our Heavenly Father, we must all come, for mother and daughter, for fresh supplies of grace, and here may we be privileged to receive strength to journey forth in the unity of the Spirit, and in sweet communion with our Lord.

Have love one unto another - For he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. The love of Jesus alone, can enable us to overcome the evil propensities of our nature, which strive for the ascendancy over us; and as we are found loving Him supremely, we shall be found

in the fulfillment of all our duties there will be no want of love one towards another we shall not speak evil of one of another, but when we see errors in others, shall go to them and tell their faults between them and us, thus seeking to restore and to save, rather than to judge.

We all have our weaknesses, our frailties and our failings, we have all sinned, and we should bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ; and, as we come fully to realize this, we shall not look upon others who may have erred as so much farther from the blessed Jesus than ourselves; but shall be increasingly observed to observe the golden rule. "Thatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them."

A current of sympathy for the suffering and bereaved has seemed to flow from sitting to sitting, as we have seen the vacant seats and missed the familiar faces of those we have been accustomed to meet here, and have realized that we shall see them in this life no more forever. The voices that we heard twelve months ago, we shall hear no more; but we believe that they are now heard in Heaven, singing the Redeemer's praise. Some of us who have been permitted to enjoy this season of refreshing from the Lord, may not have the privilege of meeting here again. As this solemn truth presses upon us, may we all feel concerned to live less for earth and more for Heaven more for that blessed Savior who died for us - that when our pilgrimage is ended, we may, united to these, become an unbroken band around the Father's throne, there to abide in that glorious song - "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints."

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and the Committee re-appointed.

who served last year. It is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-three pupils, viz: sixty-nine males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter term, one hundred and thirty, viz: eighty-one males and forty-nine females.

The officers of the Institution have been, - Robert E. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Howell, Susan B. King, Mary A. Cornell, and Amey C. Johnson, Teachers in the English Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Language; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory progress has been made in the varied departments of literary and scientific knowledge.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and interest; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly deportment of the scholars generally, and the evidences afforded by not a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge has afforded us much satisfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably good during the past year, which, under a blessing, we think may in part be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

On the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole

income for the past year exceeds the amount expended,
Thirty one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for Enquiry
held at Lyonn, in the 8th month last, all of our
Monthly Meetings were informed of the decision of that
Meeting to advance the price for tuition; and the
rates then established took effect on the beginning of
the Winter term as follows: For members of this Yearly
Meeting, \$100 per term; For members of other Yearly
Meetings, and where one or both parents are members
of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge
of such, \$120 per term; and for any others who may be
admitted \$160 per term. The same additional charges of
five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German and
Drawing, as heretofore. It was with reluctance that
the apparent necessary increase in the price was
resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at
the earliest possible time; but as we are not now
prepared to make any definite suggestions, we would
propose to the Yearly Meeting, to commit the subject
to the Committee that may be entrusted with the
charge of the Boarding School for the ensuing year,
to make such timely changes as may appear best,
upon mature consideration, and after further devel-
opment of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding
School is increasing its means and opportunities of
enjoyment. We are, however, solemnly reminded that
all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of
Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested,
unite in the desire that His favor and protection
may be continued from generation to generation, through
Him who is head over all things to the Church?

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
Silent Congdon Clerk.
Boarding School, 5th month, 9th, 1865.

Rate - Summer Term for 1865 there will be \$100

Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Nov. 1st, 1865.

Closes, 2d Nov. 21st, 1865.

Summer Term for 1866, opens, 5th Nov. 1st.

Regulations of the School Committee.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this yearly meeting that desire to occupy place in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our yearly meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the third and fourth months. At these meetings, applications for members of our yearly meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund" or of "the Jacob Mottet's donation", will also be determined at the time above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that all the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principal within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term, and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom.

to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,

Albert E. Smith,
Principal Friends Association School,
Providence, R.I.

(Committee. - Susan Howland, Rhoda H. Baker, Charles F. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Rogers, Mary A. Smith, George E. Robinson, George E. Tucker, Sarah E. Sampson, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis and Rebecca C. Linneman)

The London printed epistle of last year has been read, and the counsel and encouragement it contains seem peculiarly adapted to our present condition, and it is gratefully received.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Fourth day morning. Met near 10 o'clock.

A testimony from Durham Monthly Meeting, approved by Coleridge Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Jones has been read. The memory of this dear friend is precious to us, and his concern to live in strict accordance with the dictates of truth, the purity of his life, and his careful walk with God, are worthy of our imitation.

The Friends appointed last year to unite with a similar committee of New Friends in considering the subject of forming an association for the benefit and relief of the Freedmen, presented the subjoined report, which has been interesting and truly satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee now under appointment, with the addition of Ellen R. Buffum, (who has acted efficiently, by request of the Committee, during the past year,) are continued and requested to give their attention to this interesting concern and report to this Meeting next year.

We believe their efforts have been abundantly blessed.

As the means of education and improvement are opened to this long despised and down trodden race, it is deeply interesting to witness the favorable traits of character they are developing, and it is instructive to us to contemplate the patience and civil endurance with which they have, during this long struggle, borne even an increased amount of suffering, looking forward in faith for that long hoped for day of freedom which they believed would surely come.

It would seem, indeed, that our Heavenly Father had sent forth His restraining angel to guard and protect this people, and to prevent their using any means for their own deliverance that would be in opposition to His blessed will.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to promote efforts for the relief and improvement of the Freed People of color, reports, —

That upon our appointment last year, and before leaving this Island it was determined to appoint a small committee of our number, upon whom the executive duties of our organization should devolve; who were requested to obtain information relative to the most pressing necessities of these people, to guide and direct friends in their labors in their behalf, to receive and dispose of contributions of money, clothing or other articles, as may be most needed, and generally to promote the physical and educational interests of the Freedmen.

The Executive Committee early concluded to make thorough investigation of the condition and needs of these fugitives, in North Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia; and in the eleventh month, after a careful examination had been made, Washington and its vicinity were fixed upon as the principal field of operation for Friends of New England. A sub-committee was at once appointed, to take measures for the establishment of a mission in the suburbs of that city.

This committee purchased nine ^{hundred} of land on Church street at a cost of \$2248, on a portion of which they erected a store, 50 by 20 feet, and enclosed a room at the rear, at an outlay of \$1000. The store is well supplied with goods adapted to the wants of the Freedmen which are sold to them at cost, employing a capital of over \$2000. All this is under the superintendence of our friend William A. Sampson, who, from the first, has devoted himself with zeal and energy to the task before undertaken, and with very satisfactory results. The weekly sales have steadily increased from the commencement; the receipts for the five months it has been in operation being a little over \$14,000. This committee also obtained the service of Eli Jones and Lavinia H. Jones, for a few months, who devoted themselves to the arduous duties of daily visits among the people, distributing clothing and food, dispensing little comforts to the sick and needy, and administering consolation and encouragement to the faint hearted and sorrowing; and we believe that these early visits and valuable service of Eli Jones were highly instrumental in securing the confidence of the Freedmen in the objects of the mission, and his labors and kindly advice and sympathy are still in their grateful remembrance.

Sarah E. Wall, who has served gratuitously from the opening of the mission, has been a self-sacrificing and faithful laborer, in ameliorating the condition of these destitute and suffering people. The committee gratefully acknowledge the valuable service of our friends. Eliza Hull, as superintendent of the Sewing School, whose untiring efforts in this important branch of the mission, have been, it is believed, of incalculable benefit to many poor women. Fannie C. Farney has also labored acceptably as a volunteer assistant in this department.

From information obtained through the detailed reports of our committee, we have learned that ad-^{ditional} friends, while distributing generously to these

people, in the hour of great need, to provide also remuneration in employment for those who are able to work in order, as soon as possible, to render them self-sustaining. With this view, it was decided at the expiration of three months, to open workshops where they could be taught different branches of handicraft, such as basket-making, straw-braiding, &c.; and the services of our friends Richard and Abby S. Battey, were secured as superintendents. Upon the land purchased by the committee, were some large rough buildings, erected by government, and used as a hospital for the freed people. These buildings, when vacated, were at our solicitation, kindly assigned by Secretary Stanton, for the use of the mission; and, having been fitted up in a convenient manner, a part of the rooms are occupied by the family, and the remainder for first day and evening schools, work shops, sewing and distributing rooms, &c. Herbert C. Sherman and Sarah Leary have very kindly devoted a few weeks to giving instruction in the work-rooms. We believe that the superintendents and other agents have labored faithfully to promote the best interests of the people, physical, moral, social and spiritual; and the result of these efforts is satisfactory and encouraging to the committee. From time to time, during the past winter, the Executive Committee have rendered so full and detailed accounts of the progress of the work, that it seems unnecessary to extend this report further than to inform of the present state of the mission. The store will be kept open during the summer, by William R. Sampson, assisted by George W. Phillips and William Willie, a faithful colored man, but two years free. Richard and Abby S. Battey and Sarah E. Hall, desiring to return North for the summer, the evening school, work-shops and sewing-room will be closed. Fannelia C. Farney will remain for the present in charge of the housekeeping.

We find a feeling prevails to some extent, that, since the war has closed and the immediate cause of the flocking of fugitives to Washington no longer exists, our

efforts on their behalf may be relaxed. This we believe to be an erroneous impression. A very large number are likely to remain at the Capital, at least for the present and their situation still calls for strong efforts, not only to relieve their physical wants and give them the rudiments of school learning, but to furnish that varied instruction so necessary on their entrance to a free life; to train their minds to self-reliance; impress upon them the idea that freedom means freedom to work for themselves and those dear to them, and then give them the opportunity to learn different branches of labor. Many of them will probably return to the South, at some future day; and we regard this an additional inducement to use every effort for their improvement, that each, as he returns to his former home, may act, to some extent, as a missionary there. We would, therefore earnestly recommend that Friends continue to interest and exert themselves to this end; that the ~~sum~~ for their accommodation be kept up; that, with the coming autumn, the work-shops be re-opened, and supplied with material; that funds be liberally furnished for the use of the industrial schools; and that Friends continue to collect and forward second-hand clothing and bedding; also that teachers be employed to open a day-school in the vicinity of our labor, and that the necessary funds be raised for the maintenance of the large family at the mission house. Another measure which has claimed our attention, we are desirous of commending to the notice of Friends. We allude to the plan of building a number of small, but comfortable tenements for the freed people, which may be rented to them, upon the payment of monthly installments, until cost, interest and insurance are liquidated, when a title may be acquired by the occupants. In several respects the measure would benefit these people. The acquisition of a title to a freehold however small, so incompatible with their former condition, is now their great desire, and, while furnishing an inducement to

labor for its accomplishment, it would, it is believed, at the same time, have an elevating tendency, raising them to the claims and responsibilities of citizenship. The miserable cabins now tenanted by them, at an exorbitant rent, are uncomfortable and unhealthy, inducing sickness of various kinds, which is undermining the constitutions of their occupants, already impaired by their life of slavery and subsequent exposure in their flight. The favorable consideration of the General Government for this enterprise, repeatedly manifested, has been encouraging to the Committee. In addition to the assignment of the Hospital buildings before alluded to, the Mission received at the solicitation of Eli Jones, the liberal donation of fifty cords of wood, which, during a very inclement season, and at a time of scarcity of fuel in Washington was a valuable acquisition to its means of usefulness.

In reviewing our efforts for the past year, in behalf of those suffering and degraded sons and daughters of oppression, it is gratifying to believe that the interest of the great cause has been promoted by the separate organization of Friends of New England; that the efforts of our members for its advancement have been largely increased thereby; and we acknowledge the cordial co-operation by which we have been sustained by Friends generally, in our labors, and also our belief that the blessing of our Heavenly Father has rested upon this undertaking.

In behalf of the Committee,

Henry J. Wood, Clerk."

Auditor's Report.

The committee to prepare a report of the contributions to the Freedmen since our last Yearly Meeting, present the following statement.

Received.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, from all sources..	\$8,569.72
Salisbury " " " " "	3,937.58
Sandwich " " " " "	10,387.78

From Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, from all sources..	\$ 609.42.
Dover " " " " "	1,395.40.
Sabmouth " " " " "	368.28.
Fassalboro' " " " " "	897.36.
Fairfield " " " " "	726.19.
Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings	\$27,151.49.

Of the above amount it appears that there has been raised in cash. \$19,420.42

And in clothing, including a few farming utensils.. 7,331.07
\$27,151.49

In a few instances the amount contributed is put down in the reports from the Meetings as cash and clothing, without stating what was the amount of each. In these cases it has been called clothing in the statement above. About \$1700 of the sum total is reported as having come from those not members of our Society. The number of garments is reported from nearly all our Meetings, and amounts to 6857.

About \$500 worth of the clothing is reported without giving the number of garments. The committee would recommend that Monthly Meetings be careful to state separately, in their reports, the amount of money and clothing forwarded, whenever it can be done. In some instances they have been put together and the sum total of both has been given.

In behalf of the Committee.

Samuel Boyce.

Treasurer's Report.

The receipts have been,

From Smithfield Quarterly Meeting..	\$ 471.42.
Fairfield " " " " "	251.05.
Sandwich " " " " "	5,887.00
H. R. Sampson, Collecting Agent	817.28.
Sabmouth Quarterly Meeting	52.00.
Fassalboro' " " " " "	30.00.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	\$ 6,142.25
Salem " " "	1,946.12
Dover " "	17.00
Eliza P. Gurney.	110.00
Total receipts	\$ 16,714.62

The expenditures have been,
 Cash paid to the Committee having charge of
 the mission in Washington, Edward H.

Howland, Chairman,	\$9,286.49
Expenses, Printing, &c.	21.18
Total expenditures	\$9,207.67
Balance in the Treasury	\$7,416.95

Given, 6th month 7th. 1865.

Signed Charles F. Coffin Treasurer.

Expended for Mission at Washington,	
For Purchase of land	\$2,448.00
Expended in building store	1,000.00
Stocks of goods for store	2,000.00
Furniture, Stoves, &c.	395.87
Food	362.40
Paid Mission Agents, including Salaries and other expenses, up to 3d month, 15th.	954.01
Sum for repairs and alterations	275.81
Paid to Richard Batley for materials for work- shops, Expenses of various repairs and Family supplies	950.00
Cash in bank at Washington.	134.41
Total	\$8,520.00

On behalf of the Washington Committee,
 Signed Edward H. Howland, Chairman.

Recapitulation.

Amount acknowledged by Treasurer	\$16,714.62
Other cash contributions	3,105.80
In clothing &c. as per schedule	7,331.07
Total	\$27,151.49

Disbursements.

Cash paid Washington Committee	\$8,000.00
Cash paid for boots and shoes	766.47
Goods sent for distribution and Industrial school.	3,100.80
Clothing &c. distributed	1,231.17
Treasurer's expenses for printing, &c.	21.18
Cash in hands of Treasurer	406.95
Total	\$27,151.49

Also, In addition to the cash contributions above reported, a number of individuals have generously forwarded money to our Agents in Washington, for the various objects of the Mission, which has been faithfully appropriated, and their donations are gratefully acknowledged.

Committee - Sarah F. Tobey, Ruth B. Gifford, Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. Mineman, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, Anna G. Wood, Mercy K. King, Guilhelma W. Howland, Phebe Pope, Jane C. Minot, Esther Nichols, Phebe A. Marble, Phebe S. March, Ann B. Carle, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Pease Jones, Lydia C. Jenkins, Huldah S. Buffum, Lois J. Grune, Eunice W. Farr, Sarah T. Sampson, Fanny Pinkham, Sarah H. Anthony, Orvas B. Robinson, Elizabeth Fred, Abigail S. Battery, Susan G. Tempton, Cynthia J. Carle, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth J. Challie, Eliza P. Farney, Cynthia Bowen, Mary Hade, Caroline Hazard, Elizabeth C. King, Lavina Huntington, Electa Jane Collins, Maria Buffinton, Hannah Gove, Elizabeth Foster, Anna S. Anthony, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha Austin, Guilhelma Freeborn, Mary B. King, Sarah Hade, Abby W. Pratt, Ann Elmira Long, Hannah Page, Susan Taber, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Dorr, Mary Metcalf, Anna S. Dennis, Selinda Metcalf, Alice Cornell, Charity G. Dillingham, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Martha C. Pratt, Tramma W. Grover, Susan Cartland, Jane Pope and Ellen C. Buffum.

The adjourn to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Fourth day Afternoon. Met near 4 o'clock.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, embracing matter of deep interest, have been acceptably read at this time.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of London, Dublin and Ohio have been read.

We adjourn to the time Men Friends may meet to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day Afternoon, 6th Mo. 18th. Met at 4 o'clock.

The Representatives, being called, are present, except four.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of North Carolina, Indiana, New York, Baltimore, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is requested to sign the same, with those read at a former sitting, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

By the Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, we are informed, that they have concluded the cause of Truth will be promoted by granting the request of the three Quarterly Meetings in Canada, to hold a separate Yearly Meeting, provided Friends of other Yearly Meetings unite with them in judgment. After weightily considering the subject, this Meeting unites with them and the Clerk is directed to convey this information to that Meeting.

The following report of the Committee on Education has been read and accepted, and the Committee who served last year are continued, with substituting the name of Zephra Shepherd, St. Albans Monthly Meeting, for Deborah H. Hawks removed, and Anna E. Evans, of Dover Monthly Meeting for Phoebe H. Meader, deceased:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the subject of Education

have endeavored to discharge the duties assigned them by the Yearly Meeting and are encouraged in believing, by information received from the different portions of this Yearly Meeting, that, with the assistance of Monthly Meeting committees and other interested friends, they have accomplished much during the past year, by encouraging the guarded, religious and literary education of our youth and children.

Members of the committee have attended the annual examinations of the various institutions of learning under the care of Friends within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and are prepared to give them our hearty approval.

The subject of scriptural instruction has largely engaged our attention, and although the returns show an increase of but four schools over the number reported in 1863, the attendance is much larger, and their efficiency much improved.

The committee have had interesting meetings during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting, and the evidence is abundant and conclusive that First day schools are exerting a decidedly beneficial influence upon our religious society; and we are happy to be able to state, that there are hopeful evidences that many have been awakened to an increased dedication of heart by means of this instrumentality. By direction of the committee, circulars were forwarded to each Monthly Meeting, and the following statistical information has been received, which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

In behalf of the Committee

Samuel Gifford, Clerk."

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 & 21 years, is -	1,008.
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools -	2.
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools -	2.
The number of Family Schools -	5.

The number of Friends' children who have attended school the past year, -	836.
The number of our members engaged in teaching the past year, -	132.
The number who have attended school taught by Friends or under their control, -	250.
The number obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges not under the care of Friends, -	51.
The number of First Day Schools under the care of Friends, -	54.
Average length of time these Schools are kept, -	8 months.
The number of scholars attending these Schools -	1,552.
The " " Friends attending the same, -	775.
The " " teachers engaged in them, -	205.
The " " Bible Classes, -	40.
The " attending Bible Classes, -	671.
The " of Friends attending Bible Classes, -	482.

(Committee, - Cynthia Bowen, Lucretia Tuborn, Elizabeth A. Congdon, Mary D. Collins, Mary Wade, Lydia P. Cha. Elizabeth Sage, Mary T. Gove, Elizabeth C. King, Ruth A. Shepherd, Lydia Grover, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, Susan Taber, Abigail T. Battery, Lydia B. Dow, Abigail Wheeler, Jane C. Minott, Calome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H. Cartland, Rachel B. Nichols, Sybil Jones, Jane H. Farney, Anna M. Crane, Eliza T. Farney, Sarah Hoag, Hannah R. King, Mary J. Sage and Lillie Shepherd.)

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Caroline E. Talbot, and a similar one for our friend Mary M. Miller, viz:

"Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot attended this meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, Ruth Dennis, and similar ones for our friends Abigail Jay, Louisa M. Thompson

and Debra M. Hazard, viz:

Our beloved friend, Ruth Sims, attended this meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The clerk is directed to cause the minutes of this meeting to be printed for distribution among its members.

The business of this meeting is closed, and, under a sense of the mercy of our Heavenly Father, who, we reverently believe has at this time been graciously pleased to pour out His blessing upon us, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

Epistles.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 11th of 6th month, to the 18th of the same, inclusive, 1865.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

Your epistle of the present year, and similar testimonials of love from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings have been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement. Believing, as we do, that you have sincerely mourned with us over the oppression & strife which have prevailed within our borders, we feel that you are prepared to unite with us now, in thanksgiving and praise unto the Lord, that the "confused noise" of hostile armies is no longer heard, and instead of "garments rolled in blood" we behold the olive-branch of peace, - that the rod of oppression has been broken, and the bands of wickedness loosed,

and that Slavery with its attendant train of
and sorrow, which has so long hung as a dark and
threatening cloud over our land, is now passing away.
Your expression of Christian interest on behalf of our
suffering fellow-countrymen recently liberated, finds
among us a deep response, and we believe that earnest
prayers ascend from many hearts to be guided rightly
in our efforts to comfort and elevate them.

The loss of our late beloved and honored Chief
Magistrate, to which you have so touchingly alluded,
we have felt not only as a national calamity, but
as a personal bereavement, and our desire has been to
bow in deep humility and childlike trust before the
Great Character "who doth not afflict willingly, nor
grieve the children of men."

Our Yearly Meeting this year is largely attended,
but vacant seats remind us of dear departed ones,
who have been gathered to their final rest; and with
the holy memory of these comes the warning voice
"Be ye also ready." - Several dear friends from other
Yearly Meetings are with us, bearing tender messages of
counsel and admonition, and we are also cheered by
the presence of many dear young people, among whom
there seems increasing evidence of humble dedication
of heart. May this very interesting class with you as
with us, feel more and more the duty and the joy of
yielding themselves unreservedly to the loving control of
the dear Redeemer, being assured, the period hallowed
by such a consecration of themselves, body, soul and
spirit to His service, will be sweetly memorable through
all their future years, and bring them a crown of
blessing which the world knows not of, which it can
neither give them nor take from them, for "Eye hath
not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the
heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for
them that love Him."

Remembered; as we reverently believe under the care of
the Great Head of the Church, very earnest has been our

engagement to see clearly the pointings of truth and follow the guidance of our Holy Leader; and warmed by the love of Jesus, our hearts have not only embraced each other in Christian sympathy and interest, but the same precious feeling has extended to our dear absent sisters in this and other lands.

"One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren." Abiding in Him, the great Teacher of Light and love, endeavoring to keep His covenant and His testimonies, we have the assurance that He will lead us all by a right way - that His paths are mercy and truth, and that however widely we may be separated during this our earthly pilgrimage, we may bow before the same throne of heavenly grace, pleading the same glorious promises, and finally meet beyond the shores of time, where "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple," and in whose presence is fulness of joy.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

We tenderly salute you, under a sense, we trust, of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts - and acknowledge your words of comfort, of hope and of exhortation to be precious to our spirits, and cause us to thank God and take courage.

During the past four years of civil war, wherein the judgments of the Lord have been heavy upon us, we have been brought to drink deeply of the waters of affliction, and to bow very low before Him in acknowledgement that He has dealt with us in mercy - that from evil, good has been evolved; and the stain of slavery, we trust, forever blotted out.

As a Society, we feel that we have abundant cause to bless and adore the name of our God, whose eye has been upon us, and His arm round about us.

Much earnest effort has been, and continues to be, called for at our hands. Those in authority have been visited with messages of encouragement and love, and we believe that fervent prayer has ascended from many hearts that they may be enabled to acknowledge Him who is the Fountain of Wisdom, and be rightly directed in the performance of all their duties. Many have visited the sick, the wounded, and the dying - telling them of a Savior's love, - while others are laboring to relieve the millions of destitute and suffering Freedmen, - and other mourning ones scattered up and down our land, whose homes are forever darkened. We have been encouraged to minister to these, to endeavor to bind up the broken hearted; and pour in the healing oil, to lend sympathy and help to them in this their great need, remembering, also, to bear them in the arms of Faith to a compassionate Savior, that in His hands He may bear them up. Pray for us, dear sisters, that we may do our whole duty, seeking in all things to honor God, and bring glory to His name.

The removal of our beloved and honored President the late Abraham Lincoln, under circumstances so peculiarly afflictive, has filled our hearts with grief, but even in this sad event, we would recognize the Divine hand, and say in our sorrow, "The Lord reigneth".

Our meeting has been large and interesting, and a flow of Gospel love has been vouchsafed, encouraging us, both older and younger, to greater dedication of heart, and a closer walk with God.

We have the acceptable company of our beloved friend William Green from your land, and many others from Yearly Meetings on this continent.

And now, in that love which many waters cannot quench, we bid you farewell, desiring to commend you each ourselves, to Him who is able to keep us from

falling, and to present in faultless before the presence of
His glory with exceeding joy.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Being mercifully permitted to assemble once
more, after four years of sorrow, distress and anxiety,
with the sweet hope and assurance that peace, the
white-winged messenger of God, is again restored to our
beloved country, we desire to join with you in lifting
up our hearts in thanksgiving and praise to Him
"who doeth according to His will in the army of
Heaven, and among the inhabitants of the Earth," that
"in the midst of His judgments, He has remembered
mercy," - and in earnest prayer, that having been
severely chastened for our sins, we may henceforth as
a nation, as a church, and as individuals, walk
more humbly before Him. Surely His loving kindness
faileth not. As year after year, we have reciprocated
the desire that God would hasten the day when His
blessed promise should be fulfilled, that "every yoke
should be broken, and the oppressed let to go free,"
how little could we foresee that He would arise in
His might and "shake terribly the Earth". Surely we
may say, Lord thou hast heard the desire of the
humble, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear, to judge
the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the
earth may no more oppress."

The removal of our beloved and honored President,
under circumstances so peculiarly afflictive but as we
cannot doubt to his exceeding gain, has filled our
hearts with grief, but even in this sad event, we would
recognize the Divine hand, and say in our sorrow,

And the judgments are a great deep.

Our hearts have been pained at this time, as in former years, in mourning the loss of dear departed friends, who were wont to gather with us in these solemn seasons of prayer and praise, some of whom have been removed in the prime and vigor of life, in the midst of their usefulness - but we desire to say from our sorrowing hearts, "The Lord doeth all things well", and we are comforted in believing that many, from the younger walks of life, are yielding themselves to God, and are under the preparing hand for usefulness in the Church, and that a succession of laborers in His vineyard will be coming forward to take the places of those whom in His wisdom He has seen fit to remove. May the young, the middle aged, and those farther advanced in years, labor together lovingly and trustingly for the promotion of His cause, the cause of truth and righteousness, and thus form a three-fold cord that cannot easily be broken.

We have had at this time, the acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love, we trust, may be accompanied by the Divine blessing, to the comforting of the mourners, the encouragement of the fearful, the strengthening of the weak, the warning of those (if any such there be) who are still unreconciled to God, and the rejoicing of all hearts in the fresh assurance of the boundless love of God, our Father, and the unsearchable riches of Christ our blessed Redeemer, whose name, we desire, may be exalted over all.

We would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your very acceptable epistle of the present year, the reading of which with those from other Yearly Meetings, has comforted and strengthened our minds, and desiring for you as for ourselves, that grace mercy and peace from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord, may rest upon us, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by directions and on behalf of the Meeting.

Garth F. Tobey Clerk

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

We have felt it a privilege to be permitted again to meet in this our annual Assembly, and we desire to address you in the love of the gospel, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable epistle of 10th inst. last, containing as it did, the salutation of Christian love and fellowship. Our meeting has been large and much harmony and sisterly love have prevailed, tending to the confirmation of our faith, and the desire has been raised amongst us that the great Head of the Church may so tender our hearts and enlarge our sympathies, as to qualify and incite us rightly to meet the requirements of the day and time, to be helpful in raising the bondman, and restoring the down fallen to the faith and hope which the gospel promises to all.

The returned soldiers, the widows and the orphans surround us, and we have been encouraged to minister to these, to endeavor to bind up the broken hearted and pour in the healing oil - to lend sympathy and help to them in their great need, remembering also to bear them in the arms of Faith to a compassionate Saviour, asking His blessing upon them.

Our rejoicing for the return of peace, and the prospect of freedom for the captive throughout our land has been deeply saddened by the sudden removal of our beloved and honored President, but we desire to bow under the chastening hand of our Heavenly Father, believing that not a sparrow falls to the ground without His notice.

We feel dear sisters, that it is an unspeakable mercy that we are permitted to ask for help and preservation, that we are permitted to enjoy the blessed privilege of prayer, that we may by rightly drawing nigh unto God receive the assistance of His grace to lead and guide us in every time of need. Let us, the

be concerned to wait upon Him, watching unto prayer for a daily walk in communion with Him, endeavoring in a meek and quiet spirit, to fill up the measure of usefulness designed for us by our Father in Heaven.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love we trust have been accompanied by the Divine blessing. The glad tidings of the Gospel have been proclaimed, the unsearchable riches of Christ have been preached, and the faint hearted and desponding have been animated and encouraged under an humbling sense of the provision made for our redemption and salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Under a solemnizing sense of the blessing of dwelling in the peace of God that passeth all understanding, we salute you and bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Leah J. Tobey Clark

To This Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Baptised together in Gospel love, and under a grateful sense of the many unmerited favors dispensed by our Heavenly Father, we address you.

He who, for the last four years, has in His wisdom permitted the scourge of war to desolate our guilty nation, has in His own good time, been pleased to say "It is enough;" and to restore the blessing of peace to our beloved country.

While we have to deplore the untimely death of our beloved and honored President, Abraham Lincoln, and that of the many thousands who have been slain in camps and upon the battle fields, since the commencement of this awful struggle, while we greatly deplore this fearful waste of human life, and the unrighteous

cause of this cruel war, our hearts are lifted up in praise and thanksgiving to Him who in judgment, remembers mercy. He hath seen the afflictions of His people and heard their cry. He has commanded to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke. Truly it is the Lord's doings, and marvellous in our eyes. Blessed forever be His holy name.

We have been forcibly reminded of the uncertainty of life and all things temporal; and of the necessity while time and opportunity are afforded, of seeking an inheritance incorruptible, and that fadeth not away.

We have the acceptable company of our dear friends H. Green from Ireland, and that of other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, through whom gospel messages have been freely delivered. May we thank our Heavenly Father and commemorate His goodness, in that He continues to remember us by sending His dedicated ministers, to preach the glad tidings of peace and salvation, through a crucified but risen, Lord.

We have been strengthened and encouraged by the sisterly communications received and read, at this time, from all the Yearly Meetings which with us correspond, except Iowa. And we have been favored to transact the important affairs of the Church, in harmony and love, desiring that all may be done to the honor of Him, to whom all honor is due, both now and forevermore.

Now, dear Sisters, with desire that our blessed Lord may be with you and us, and prosper us in things pertaining to our souls' welfare, we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah L. Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Beloved Sisters,

Our hearts have been made glad by the receipt of your epistle of 11th inst. last, and we can feelingly respond to your expression of gratitude to the God and Father of all our mercies, whose protecting care has been extended over you when surrounded by perils of no ordinary character. May the aspirations ascend from every heart "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

In the termination of the bloody warfare in which our beloved country has been involved, we recognize the hand of Him who causeth the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath is able to restrain. And we believe that all things will work together for good to those who love and fear the Lord. While we deeply deplore the loss of our beloved and honored President by the hands of cruel and ungodly men, we desire to receive, even in the view of this consummation of evil thought and purpose the solemn lesson, that while he that hath clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger, "the wicked shall be snared in their own nets," and that there is no safety for any of us while found in rebellion against the Divine will.

In the deliverance of our colored brethren from long continued and cruel bondage, we realize the faithfulness of our God. That He is not slack concerning His promises, but for the sighing of the poor and the crying of the needy, He will arise in His own time. May we remember that He hath made of one blood all nations of men that dwell upon the face of the earth, and be prepared to advance the interests of this down trodden race in every way pointed out by the Loving Father of us all.

We have rejoiced to hear that your boarding school has been well sustained, and that our beloved society

among you has received an accession of numbers and strength. Pray our Father in Heaven continue His preserving care over us all, give us strength to do His will in our different allotments and under our varying circumstances and surroundings, and grant an inheritance at last among that innumerable company, who, gathered out of every nation, kindred, tongue and people and having come out of great tribulation have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend William Green, from Ireland, with that of several dear friends from your own and other Yearly Meetings, and we thankfully accept these Gospel messengers as a token of divine regard.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah L. Tobey Clerk

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

We trust it is under the cementing influence of that Christian love, which breathes the language of "peace on earth and good will to men" that we feel to address you as sisters beloved in the truth. We have received your acceptable epistle of 10th Mo. last, which with similar testimonials of sisterly love from other Yearly Meetings with whom we correspond, have been as a brook by the way, encouraging us to hold fast those precious testimonies which adorn the truth, and are so beautifully exemplified in the life and sufferings of our Holy Redeemer.

This our annual meeting has been large, and we humbly trust has been owned by the over shadowing presence of Him who is pleased to preside as Head over

all rightly gathered assemblies, tendering the hearts of many
of the beloved youth and drawing them with the cords
of His love to give up their hearts to Him, to be fashioned
and formed according to His will, thereby qualifying
them for usefulness in His militant Church, and the
promotion of His blessed cause of truth and righteousness
in the earth.

We feel as a people and as individuals humbly and
thankfully to rejoice that the banner of peace is once
unfurled over our beloved country, the chains of the
bond men are severed, and freedom proclaimed to the
captive slave. In the liberation of millions of our co-
lored population from cruel bondage, and in bringing
to naught the devices of wicked men against our
government, the Christian observer cannot fail to trace
the hand of an over-ruling Providence. May we not
say in the fulness of our hearts, "Great and marvelous
are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are
all thy ways, thou King of saints."

May we, dear friends, continue to be engaged that our
charity and sympathy be freely extended for the help
and assistance of this long injured and oppressed people
that their minds may be instructed and enlightened to
enable them to provide for their temporal and spiritual
need; that they be no longer a down trodden and oppressed
people. We feel deeply to lament the death of our be-
loved and honored President, under such painful cir-
cumstances, and while we mourn a nation's loss we
desire to bow in submission to the will of Him, who we
doubt not, in His infinite wisdom, has permitted this
affliction. May the mantle of the dear departed rest
upon his successor, that actuated by the same spirit,
he may be enabled to do justice, love mercy, and walk
humbly with his God.

We have, at this time, the acceptable company of our
beloved friend, William Green from Ireland, with many
other dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose com-
pany and religious services have been refreshing and

strengthening to our minds.

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Friends.

Dear Sisters.

With feelings of thankfulness for fresh mercies, we again offer you the salutation of our love, and acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle of last year, the reading of which, together with others from different Yearly Meetings, has afforded comfort and encouragement.

In consideration of what has taken place in our beloved Country during the past year, our hearts are bowed in humble gratitude to our Father in Heaven. The battle of the warrior, with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood, we hope no more to realize in our midst. With mingled emotions of joy and sorrow we welcome the better day, a day in which liberty is proclaimed to the captive, and while we own a kind and gracious providence in the liberation of the enslaved, we mourn the loss of our beloved and honored Chief Magistrate, through whose instrumentality the oppressed have been set free. Truly the judgments of the Lord are a great deep! May we, in singleness of heart, walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together; but trusting in the Saviour's gracious promise to be with those who meet in His name, is it not our highest privilege to come apart with Him from earthly cares, and sit together at His feet, waiting to hear and do His will?

We acknowledge with gratitude that in the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting the canopy of Divine

Love has been spread, ever been spread over us, and under
its cementing influence we have been permitted to rejoice
together. Much counsel and encouragement have been
imparted. Our beloved young friends have been entreated
to lay aside those things which are inconsistent with
the Christian adorning and give in their names to
serve the Lord. May we all remember that
whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, ^{that} He doth not
sifted unwillingly nor grieve the children of men, but
as we are brought to experience our true desire sanctified
by the power of Redempting Grace, whereby a conformity
to the Divine will is wrought, we shall, in this
passive state of obedience know of being justified by
faith, having peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

We have the acceptable company of our dear friend
William Green, from Ireland, and several other friends
from different Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love are
truly acceptable and edifying.

Precious is the evidence that we are one people,
that Truth speaks the same language everywhere,
reminding how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity.

In the fellowship of the Gospel, we bid you
adieu.

Signed by directions and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters.

Although we have not at this time received any
circulars from you, yet we feel drawn to communicate
with you, more especially as we have at this time
among us some joyful messengers from within your
borders.

These and other dedicated servants of the Lord Jesus have many trials to undergo, and many weary hours to experience, yet they serve a loving Master and, if faithful, will yet receive the welcome summons, "Well done, good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We have come up to our annual gathering with a deep sense of our own weakness and "inability of ourselves to do any good thing", but with a hope that the promise may be verified unto us "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Many changes have occurred since we last communicated with you. The direful scourge of war has been in great measure removed from our midst and, while our hearts were uplifted in thankfulness for the blessing of peace, our beloved President was suddenly taken from us. We mourn not as those without hope for the departed, but we deeply feel our loss, and can but humble ourselves before the Power who lent him to us in our season of great need, and trust the future to the same Almighty care.

We are thankful that the great evil of slavery exists no longer among us, and trust we may none of us be found wanting in the important work of ameliorating the condition of its long-oppressed victims. We are told that to loose the bands of wickedness, to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke, is acceptable in the Divine sight, and surely His blessing will rest on endeavors to aid those bound in ignorance, destitute of physical comforts, and, many, of them, under the heavy yoke of sin.

Much concern has been expressed among us in regard to the Christian progress of our youth. Parents have been reminded that there is a sacred and responsible trust to rear the bud of promise for the garden of immortality. To God, who when on earth, called the little children to Him and blessed them, is still calling with the

in the accents of His love. My son my daughter, give me
thine heart! May thou be encouraged to come in unfa-
tering trust to the dear Father and guided by His
kind and obedient to His dictates may all both older
and younger be brought into sweet communion in
love.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Lobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, for New England, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on First day the 10th, and at Newport for discipline, on Second day morning the 11th of 6th Month 1846.

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.

- Rhode Island — Elizabeth Meader, Sarah J. Tobey, Deborah Howland, Mary A. Smith, Gertrude W. Bartland, Esther Chase, Hannah Dow, Gulielma Hubbard, Ruth Anthony, Phoebe S. Anthony, Electa Jane Collins, and Anna A. Gould.
- Salina — Abigail M. Hanson, Mary E. Bred, Beulah W. Rogers, Social Johnson, Ruth J. Challis, Mary Bred, Elizabeth Page, and Hannah Page.
- Sandwich — Sarah H. Anthony, Dorcas A. Tucker, Susan Taber, Betsy Atkins, Phoebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Sarah E. Bowerman, Phoebe S. Adams, Elizabeth Ann Glade and Rebecca A. Church.
- Salmon Falls — Eunice J. Rich, Phoebe H. Fry, Jane C. Minott, Jane Pope, Juliette Pope, Lucy B. Douglass and Martha E. Pratt.
- Smithfield — Hester Andrews, Phoebe S. Marsh, Ann W. Ciske, Lucy L. Collins, Mary A. Randall and Elizabeth J. Rathbun.
- Vassalboro' — Ann E. Lang, Hannah J. Jackson, Elizabeth J. Cook, Eliza P. Gardiner, Lydia P. Fry, Hannah J. Pilbrook, Mary S. Jones, and Jane A. Varney.
- Ware — Susan L. Meader, Eliza P. Varney, Gulielma Burdette, Hannah W. Meader, and Abigail C. Bred.
- Fairfield — Eunice Winslow, Betsy J. Bailey, Mary J. Pope, Eunice W. Farr, Mary Wing and Emily C. Myers.
- whose names being called, they were all present except three, for whom absent satisfactory reasons were assigned.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah F. Peckham to the station of Elder. Jonathan Lane, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th month 31st 1865, aged 79 years 6 months and 10 days.

Hannah C. Robinson, a Minister and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 31st 1865 aged 79 years 11 months and 27 days.

Salem informs that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Daniel Bude, and in the appointment of Sarah Johnson to the Station of Elder; that Martha Meader, a Minister and member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, departed this life on the 31st of 10th month, 1865, in the 78th year of her age.

Sandwich reports that Huldah Gifford, a Minister and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th month 12th 1865, aged 84 years 4 months, 28 days; and that Anna C. Almy, an Elder and member of Hartmouth Monthly Meeting died 1st month 31st 1866, aged 66 years 3 months and 18 days.

Falmouth reports that it has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Calvin S. Goddard; that Eunice Day, a Minister and member of the same Meeting, deceased 4th month 8th 1866, aged 52 years, 5 months, and 9 days; and also that Charity Crossman, an Elder, died on the 5th of 5th month 1866 aged 80 years 2 months, and 4 days.

Smithfield reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail S. Watney and Lucy G. Payson to the Station of Elder; and that Lydia Gates, an Elder and member of Bolton Monthly Meeting, died 11th month 19th 1865, aged 92 years, 5 months, and 17 days; and that Phoebe S. Pond, an Elder and member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st month 25th 1866, aged 68 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Vassalboro' reports that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in discontinuing the appointment of Henry

Carey to the Station of Elder, with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in appointing Elijah Calk and Hezekiah Pope, with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Benjamin Frye and William A. Jones, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in appointing Robert Hanson and Sarah Hanson to the Station of Elder. James Van Blarcom, a Minister and member of China Monthly Meeting, died 7th month 12th, 1865. aged 47 years 11 months 18 days. Nathan Mower, an Elder, died 8th month, 7th 1865. aged 89 years 6 months. Anna Cate, a Minister, died 10th month 25th, 1865. aged 66 years 8 months 15 days; and Edmund Whitehouse, an Elder, deceased 1st month 10th 1866. aged 82 years 5 months 12 days; all members of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting.

Fairfield — informs of the decease of Daniel Shepher, an Elder, and member of St Albans Monthly Meeting, 5th month, 29th, 1864. aged 64 years 1 month and 12 days.

Interesting Epistles from our dear Sisters of Dublin, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings have been received and read; and we appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way opens for it, prepare essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this Meeting — viz —

Sarah A. Joley, Eliza B. Boyce, Mabel R. Gifford, Mercy K. Wing, Rhoda H. Taber, Cynthia Riven, Gertrude W. Cartland, Deborah Crossman, Susan Taber, Olivia C. Oliver, Jane C. Munst, Eliza Hull, Mercy P. Osborn, Elizabeth C. Wing, Anna E. Wood, Mary B. Read, Rachel S. Huntland, Rachel B. Nichols, Lydia Congdon, Lydia P. Fry, Lucy A. Collins, Sarah E. Varney, Abigail C. Woods, Charity G. Hillingham, Mary B. Bradford, Eunice W. Farr, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Maria Chace, Ann B. Calk, Lydia Pope Horcas, F. Tucker, Ruth H. Baker, Dorcas B. Robinson, Mary W. Atwater, Elizabeth Meader and Maria B. Smith.

We appoint our friends Abigail M. Hanson, Mary E. Wood, Gertrude W. Cartland, Margaret Cate, and Mary A. Smith, to prepare a summary from the answers to the Queries & present to a future sitting of this meeting.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rising of this Meeting to confer on the subject of Clerk, and repeat this afternoon.

Having been permitted to sit this morning, as under the droppings of the Sanctuary, and to feel our spirits strengthened and refreshed together, under a grateful sense of this added blessing, we adjourn to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met near 4 O'clock

Thos R. Gifford, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being considered by this Meeting, was approved, and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

We have, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, John L. Eddy, David H. Bennett, Lewis Bedell, and Elizabeth Amstock, from New York Yearly Meeting; Samuel Betts, from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; John Scott and Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Jesse T. Hartley and Rebecca C. Updegraff, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Jacob Hadley and Benjamin Talghum from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and of Eli Jessup, from Iowa Yearly Meeting. Satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were received.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Mary Eddy, accompanying her husband John L. Eddy, Maria Willets, companion to our friend Deborah C. Thomas, and Lucinda Hadley, accompanying her husband Jacob Hadley, and satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, expressing unity with them as Elders and with their present engagements, were presented and read.

Our beloved friend, Mary B. Jessup, accompanying her husband Eli Jessup, is in attendance of this Meeting, and a minute from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as

a member, and with her present engagement, was read.

Our beloved friend, Hannah G. Pettit, accompanying our friend, Rebecca J. Updegraff, is also acceptably in attendance at this meeting, and a minute from a Committee of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as a member, and with her present engagement, has been read.

We have also the company of other dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, which is truly acceptable to us.

The London printed Epistle of last year, filled with instruction, and touching upon many points of deep and solemn interest, has been acceptably read at this time, and we desire that the truths it contains and the spirit that it breathes may rest abidingly with us.

We adjourn to 10 O'clock to-morrow morning.

Third Day Morning. - Met near 10 O'clock.

The minutes of last year were read. Entered upon the State of Society, by reading the Queries and Answers, and proceeded as far as the 2^d inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. - Met near 4 O'clock.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and in considering the State of Society, as thus brought before us, much wholesome counsel and Christian admonition from faithful messengers of Christ have been handed forth, and we have been reminded that we should be encouraged often to come before the Lord, with earnest desires that we may be strengthened by Him for the fulfillment of all our duties, and for increased faithfulness in assembling to worship Him. Has it not proved oftentimes, when we have gathered together to wait upon the Lord for the renewal of our strength, that He has condescended to be in our midst, thus verifying the truth of the promise, "When two or three are gathered together in

my name, then am I in the midst of them." If, then, his love and mercy are so great to us, we are bound to assemble ourselves together in the place where prayer is wont to be made, and reverently to wait upon Him. And at these seasons, though we may sit in silence, covenants may be made, and prayers raised to our Father in Heaven, which He will, in his love and mercy, be pleased to hear and answer.

Have ye love one unto another, was the command of our blessed Redeemer. If we are true believers in Christ Jesus, and know his love to be shed abroad in our hearts, we shall find no excuse for not loving our neighbor, even though he may have many faults. We are none of us free from error; we have many weaknesses to contend with, and as we are to find forgiveness for our shortcomings only as we extend it to others, how important is it that we should, "with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love," cultivate those feelings that would prevent our speaking ill of another, or in any way indulging in a spirit of detraction, but rather obey the injunction, "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone."

The importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, has been brought before us at this time, and mothers have been kindly intreated to collect their children, morning and evening, for the reading of those blessed Scriptures, asking of our Father in Heaven that He will bless these opportunities, and cause them to be seasons of mutual refreshment from the Lord. Home cares and home duties often press heavily upon the mother of a family; yet, as she is concerned to gather the lambs together, and spend a little time in this manner, we believe her strength will be equal to the hour, and that often the spirit of prayer, uttered in unexpressed words, will be breathed upon them. It will be sweet to tell the children that God is love; it will be still sweeter to feel them that God is love. And then how blessed, in days to come, if they should be called away from us, will be the

Reflection that we have done what we could; that we have sought to bring them to the Saviour, and to ask his blessing upon them. Let us strive, in this and every other duty, to be faithful unto death, that we may finally receive the crown of life.

The subject of the proper use of the plain Scripture language, and of simplicity of attire, has been dwelt upon at this time, and we have been reminded of the trials and persecutions the founders of this Society endured, in the faithful maintenance of those testimonies; and we have been urged, both mothers and daughters, to a careful and individual consideration of our several duties in this respect. And to our dear young sisters, many of whom are in attendance of this meeting, and who are truly the joy of the present, and the hope of succeeding generations, the call has again and again gone forth, Come to Jesus; Come and give your young hearts to Him, the blessed Saviour; Come while the blossom of your youth is brightest, and resign yourselves to Him; His hand is extended to you, His arms are open to receive you, and will you not come unto Him who has done so much for you? He died that you might live; and are you ashamed to confess Him before men? He has created you for purposes of his own glory; he has placed you upon this beautiful earth to work for Him for a little season, and has given you all things richly to enjoy; and while partaking of his outward blessings and beholding the beauty that He has wrought and scattered with such profusion around you, be consumed, above every other consideration, to press forward after that spiritual beauty of which there are but the emblems. Be willing to make sacrifices; to offer yourselves for any service his blessed will may appoint, and in a spirit of self-renouncing love, follow Him whithersoever He may be pleased to lead; so shall your peace flow as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea.

We sensibly feel at this time the void occasioned by the absence of many who were wont to mingle with

us on these solemn occasions, and who are trust are
removed to their everlasting rest. And while the young
has arisen, who shall fill the places of these? a fear has been
expressed that there is a want of faithfulness with some in coming
forward in the work and service of the Lord. One after another
pass away; one light after another goes out on earth; mantles
have fallen in our midst that have need to be gathered up.
There can only be room by such as are willing to come forward,
and under the qualifying power of Him who has enabled others
to praise and magnify His holy name, to labor in His cause.
The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that He will send forth
into his harvest.

The language of encouragement has been offered, from
sitting to sitting, to some in the meridian of life who may
have commenced their Heavenly journey, but because of
discouragements which do abound, are halting on their
way, often feeling that they are not worthy to name the name
of Jesus. May they remember how it was formerly, when
one declared, "I am of unclean lips; one of the seraphim
took a live coal from off the altar and touched his lips,
and his iniquity was pardoned and his sin purged. The
same Almighty power that has touched the lips of his
servants from generation to generation, and qualified them
to declare the glad tidings of his Gospel, is as able now as
ever he was to help and sustain those who put their trust
in him. Therefore may we not be discouraged, but lift up
our head in hope, and take up anew our onward march
toward the glorious city of Zion's King; seeking not for great
things, but remembering that the one talent, rightly improved,
is as acceptable to our Heavenly Father, as more; and though
our humble faithful in the Redeemer's cause may be accounted
poverty amongst men, they will prove to us durable riches in
the Kingdom of Heaven.

The following is a Summary of the answers received;

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and for

discipline have been attended, except in a few small ones omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather - those on First day mornings, by the greater part of our number, - afternoon and mid-week meetings not so fully attended - the hour is nearly observed - mostly preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behavior.

Answer 2^d Love and unity are maintained by most friends, and a care prevails to guard against detraction. When differences have arisen some care has been taken to end them.

Answer 3^d - We trust there is a care with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, but with some a want of religious concern on account of these testimonies is apparent - We believe there is a care to guard against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and that most friends endeavor to be good examples themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

Answer 4th - The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved. - Their children partake of learning. We know of none placed far from friends.

Answer 4th - Friends are generally careful in the several requisitions of this Query.

Answer 6th - Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Answer 7th - Our testimony is generally maintained with regard to the several requisitions of this Query.

Answer 8th - We believe friends are careful in the several particulars of this Query.

Answer 9th - Careful as to recording - not wholly clear in regard to certificates - some care taken.

Answer 10th - We believe there is a care amongst friends to deal with offenders as the Query requires, though we are sensible of delay in some instances - and to placing rest where it appears necessary according to discipline.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and the Committee re-appointed who served last year. It is as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends, — The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School, during the past year, report, that in the summer term of the school there were in attendance one hundred and two pupils, viz. sixty seven males and a forty three females; and in the winter term one hundred and sixty four, viz. ninety nine males and sixty five females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred A. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca A. Smiley, Principal of the Female department; John F. Howell, Bepie J. Wing, Mary A. Cornell and Amy E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches; Elijah Cook teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern languages; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship ~~have~~ been regularly held at the school house, on First day mornings; and we reverently trust, through Divine mercy, the religious opportunities have been blessed. The scholars continue to attend "Friends' Meeting," in the City, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and regular gymnastic exercises have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the school. On the 12th of 8th month, one of the pupils, Eugene Ball, son of Nicholas Ball, of New Shoreham, R.I. fell from a tree receiving internal injury which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute concerning this impressive event was made on our records: "We note, with feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the report of the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a dear pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased, we are comforted in the truth, that through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, their sorrow has been turned into his gain."

By the Report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables us to propose a reduction in the price of admission.

Under the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we forwarded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all of our Monthly Meetings, informing of a reduction in the rates of admission, which took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz: For members of our Yearly Meeting \$75 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such \$100 per term, and for any other who may be admitted \$150 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German or Drawing, as heretofore.

The subject of the present division of the School year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the Spring and Autumn, has claimed our careful consideration.

This arrangement continues the School in operation during all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued advantageously, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many parents we have received the expression of a desire that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academical year in 1867 should commence on the first Fourth day in the Ninth month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater proportional advantages than by continuing but half of the time.

While we earnestly recommend this course, when practically, we do not at present propose that it should be obligatory, but that should be granted for withdrawal from the School at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be exceptional. The

present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th month,
and the school reopens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th month;
and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a
recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks
more, closing on Fourth day, the 26th of 11th month 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty two weeks
we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the
commencement of the school, and one half at the re-opening
after the recess, viz: For members of our Yearly Meeting, \$96;
for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both
parents are members of our Religious Society, or scholars are
sent at the charge of such, \$150; and for any others who
may be admitted, \$240. An additional charge of \$10.
for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Applications for admission into the school for the next
school year, should be made seasonably for the meeting
of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th month next. Those who
are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of
all others, after which applications will be considered
in the order in which they are received. Those who desire
the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund', or of the 'Jacob Mitealy
Mitealy Donation', should apply at the time above specified;
and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral
habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, Address
Albert N. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School
Providence, R. I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge
that we have had evidence that our Heavenly Father has
remembered us, and that the Institution continues to be
a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk.

Committee

Sarah Montague, Rhoda M. Jaba, Sarah J. Tiley,
Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Horace
B. Robinson, Horace J. Tucker, Sarah J. Tappan,
Ann B. Cook, Anna D. Hemmings and Rebecca C. Shinnell.

We adjourn to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning. - Not agreeably to adjournment.

An interesting testimony from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend Ruth Davis; and one from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend Martha Meader, have been read, bringing their memories devoutly before us. May their humble walk through life, their meek and gentle spirit, their early and continued devotion and dedication to their Heavenly Father, call incite us to seek to follow them as they followed Christ.

We adjourn to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. - Not more than 4 O'clock.

An interesting testimony of Haver Monthly Meeting, approved by Haver Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Sarah B. Roberts, and one from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend Eliza M. Farr, have been read. "The memory of the just is blessed;" and we desire that their faithfulnes to manifest duty and their careful walk with God, may be remembered with profit by us.

Essays of Epistles to Dublin and Western Yearly Meetings have been read and approved.

The following Report of the Committee on Education has been read and accepted, and the Committee who served last year are continued, with substituting the names of Mary W. Atwater, of Providence Monthly Meeting, in place of Elizabeth A. Congdon, deceased, and Susan L. Beebe of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in place of Mary A. Gore, deceased, and Abigail Gould of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in place of Sarah Hogg, removed.

To The Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the subject of Education Report - That we believe the Friends constituting this Committee have endeavored to labor in their several Monthly Meetings, for the promotion of the object for which they were appointed, and although the reports may not show much improvement,

in comparing one year with another, yet it is evident that, in the aggregate, much has been accomplished during the twenty years which have transpired since this subject claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting. We are convinced, however, there is still great necessity for earnest, united, prayerful labor, not only on the part of the Committee, but for all the members of our Society to endeavor to promote, by every laudable means, the guarded, religious and literary education of our dear youth and children.

Circulars have been sent to each Monthly Meeting, and the following statistical information has been received, which is believed to be full and correct.

On behalf of the Committee

Samuel Gifford, Clerk.

Newport 6th month 13th 1866.

The number of Friends' children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 21 years—	986
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
The number of Preparative Meeting Schools	1
The number of Family Schools	3
The number of Friends' children who have attended School the past year	879
The number of Friends' children who have attended Schools taught by Friends, or under their control	244
The number of ^{our} members engaged in teaching	131
The number of our members obtaining an education at Academies and Colleges, not under the care of Friends	54
The number of First-day Schools under the care of Friends	47
Average length of time these schools are kept	8 months
The number of scholars attending these schools	1562
The number of Friends attending the same	821
The number of Teachers engaged in them	208
The number of Bible classes	17
The number ^{of Friends} attending Bible classes	219
The number of Friends belonging to the Yearly Meeting on the 1 st of 5 th month 1866—	4674

Women's Committee.— Cynthia Brown, Julia Ann Frutkin,
Mary W. Atwater, Mary H. Collins, Mary Glade, Lydia P. Chase,
Elizabeth Page, Susan T. White, Elizabeth C. Wing, Ruth A.
Shepherd, Lydia Swain, Huldah B. Gifford, Rebecca Atchuck,
Susan Taber, Abigail S. Batby, Lydia B. How, Abigail White,
Jane C. Minott, Salome J. Goddard, Lydia M. Pope, Anna H.
Culland, Rachel B. Nichols, Lybil Jones, Jane M. Varny,
Anna M. Evans, Eliza J. Varny, Abigail Gould, Hannah
R. Wing, Mary J. Page and Zilpha Shepherd.

We adjourn to the time Men Friends met to-morrow
afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon.— Met at 4 o'clock

The Representatives being called, are all present except four.
The Committee on the Concern of this Meeting for the freed
people of color, presented the subjoined Report, which is
very interesting and satisfactory to us, and the propositions
therein made are approved. The Friends now under
appointment are continued to act on behalf of this Meeting,
and we desire their encouragement; and friends are
requested to contribute liberally in their freedom to promote
this very interesting object.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint Committee under appointment to promote efforts
for the relief and improvement of the Freed People of color
report, that our efforts and the contributions of Friends have
been principally directed to the maintenance of the Mission
at Washington, and considerable time has been spent there
by some of the Committee in a personal supervision of its affairs.

Our means of usefulness have been materially increased
by the kind and efficient cooperation of the officers of the
Freedmen's Bureau, who, while availing themselves of the
opportunity of giving orders upon our Store for small supplies
to the distant and suffering men and their care, have through
their agency, enabled us to procure, direct from the Commission

Department, at Government prices, many of our wants for the mission family, thereby materially reducing the cost of its maintenance.

Our friend, William A. Sampson, has continued in charge of the store, and his energy and persevering labor has greatly contributed to its usefulness.* The capital now employed in furnishing a stock of goods for the store is \$3,700
The whole amount of sales to 5th March 31st, 1866, is \$49,749.

The colored people, by purchasing their goods at this establishment at cost prices, have saved at least 20 per cent of their earnings, while its benefits have been more widely extended by the great reduction of the exorbitant prices charged at other shops in the city frequented by the Freedmen.

The Freedmen's Bureau have urged the establishment of another store in a different position, and have offered to provide a suitable building, provided Friends would furnish the stock and assume its management. The subject is, in our estimation worthy of consideration, could a suitable person be obtained to be placed in charge.

Our Executive Committee have, since last year, purchased seven lots of land very near the Mission buildings, containing 17,500 feet, at a cost of \$2,625.

Cost of three houses, with sheds and goods complete for twelve families } \$3,016.18.

They have also drawn from the Treasury for building another house, now under contract, to contain four tenements \$1,200.

\$4,841.18.

The land was arranged for six of these houses, each to accommodate four families, and should the necessary funds be contributed, we commend to Friends the subject of the erection of the remaining two houses during the present year. Our Sub-Committee report that hardly any branch of our operations has been more beneficial to these people, or more effectual in raising them in the scale of

* James, William and Thomas Jay, two Friends resident in Washington have frequently rendered very efficient aid to Wm. A. Sampson by their attendance at the store and the committee wish to express to them their grateful appreciation of this service.

civilization and social improvement than these little huts. The stimulating effect upon the community, when they have seen in what comparative comfort the few occupants of our houses can live, has been unmistakable. The high prices charged for rent of the little shanties in the neighborhood have been considerably reduced since our houses were built, and the landlords have been forced to render some of the cabins more comfortable in order to satisfy the occupants.

The Schools.

On the 9th of 10th Month last, our Superintendents Richard and Abby S. Battey, returned to Washington, and have continued in the discharge of their varied duties until this time. In accordance with the recommendation of the Yearly Meeting, their first care was to prepare a room for school, which was opened on the 17th of 10th month with 25 scholars. The attendance rapidly increased, and another room was soon found necessary, which was seated with 50 small chairs for the infant department. The schools under the care of Rebecca W. Mason as Principal, and Sarah J. Carey and Mary L. Hawes as Assistants, have, we believe, been faithfully and ably sustained. The average attendance has been about 188. These teachers will continue the schools until the 1st of 7th Month.

An evening school for adults was sustained during six months for three evenings in the week, with an attendance varying from 60 to 80 scholars. All the members of the family are engaged in the school as teachers, and numerous instances of a remarkable aptness for learning and of rapid improvement was observed.

One of the most deeply interesting features of the Mission is our First Day School, with an attendance sometimes reaching 200 pupils. We desire gratefully to acknowledge the valuable assistance of several residents of Washington who kindly volunteered as teachers in the school.

The sewing school has been vigorously kept up under the supervision of Abby S. Battey, assisted by Maria J. Waplington and Pamela C. Varney, who have rendered their laborious service, gratuitously for the greater part of the time.

One hundred and seventy four women have been employed, who have made 1259 garments, and have received for their work \$680.97.

Visiting Agent.

Sarah E. Wall remains our efficient visitor to the poor and destitute, and has distributed gratuitously, up to the first instant, 4000 articles of bedding and clothing (including 200 new blankets) amounting to \$4.500
Groceries amounting to 600
Fuel 312
Shoes 500

Our Visitor reports at the present time some sickness among the people, and is very desirous that one may be sent to take her place in caring for the sick and suffering, which she takes a recess, which she greatly needs.

The Freedmen's Bureau, in their plan of operations for the city, issued a Commission to Sarah E. Wall as visiting agent for our district on their behalf, and have in other respects kindly co-operated with us in our labors.

Some attention has been given to instruction in making baskets, turk mats and in straw braiding, but the Committee believe that, for the next winter, teachers should be especially employed for this department.

There is a large class of persons who, from various causes, will remain in the city, to whom employment of this kind would be a great blessing, and enable them in good measure to maintain themselves, instead of depending on charity. The necessity of providing employment, rather than giving alms to these people, has forced itself upon us, as the demoralization resulting from the latter course has become more apparent, and we earnestly recommend that the future efforts of Friends in their behalf should be principally in this direction.

Upon a review of the field, we are united in the belief that the interests and necessities of the Freedmen continue to claim the care and sympathy of Friends and that the maintenance of our Establishment at Washington is still greatly needed.

The current expenses of the Mission family and the School

will amount to between four and five thousand dollars for the coming year, and we would again recommend the liberal contributions of Friends for this object. It will be seen by Friends, that the design of the Committee has been to render the establishment more largely self-sustaining in the future, and this design necessarily involves the accumulation of some property in Washington. With this view, we would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that this property, purchased by the voluntary contribution of Friends, and any funds eventually accruing from it, should, under the direction of the Meeting, be devoted to the permanent improvement and elevation of the Freed-people, in such manner as future circumstances may render expedient.

Our Sub-Committee are desirous of conveying to the Yearly Meeting, through this channel, their sense of obligation to our Mission Superintendents, Richard and Abby S. Batty, for their hearty co-operation in the work, and also their thanks to all the officers of the Mission, whose zeal and self-sacrificing direction, have greatly strengthened our hands and entitled them to the gratitude of Friends.

For the Committee, Henry J. Wood, Clerk.
Newport 6th month 12, 1866

The Committee to prepare a report of the contributions to the Freedmen, since our last Yearly Meeting present the following Statement.

Received.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting from all sources	\$1,902.00
" Salem " " " "	1,443.00
" Sandwich " " " "	3,737.98
" Smithfield " " " "	509.05
" Haver " " " "	935.40
" Tralmonth " " " "	193.00
" Vassalboro " " " "	10.00
" Fairfield " " " "	508.00
Total amount from all Quarterly Meetings	\$9,238.43
Of the above, it appears that there has been raised cash this year	\$5,143.22
And in clothing and goods " " " "	4,095.21
	\$9,238.43

Received from other Sources.

English Friends, 7 packages goods,	1800.
Indmen's Bureau, 1 Case of goods and wood	400.
Philadelphia Friends, 50 lbs. blankets and 2 boxes goods	434.
Worcester Indmen's Society 2 boxes goods	181.78
St James' Church, Woonsocket, 1 box goods	30.00
Goulden's Aid Society, North Sharon and South Redham, one can of goods	34.00
North Sharon and South Redham, Cash	50.00
	<u>\$1,929.78</u>

Expended for the Mission at Washington	
Purchasing land	\$2,625.00
Appropriated to the building of houses, fences and sheds	4,216.15
School teacher's salaries and travelling expenses	572.72
School books, fuel, &c	174.49
Mission agents, including salaries, travelling expenses and all the supplies for the family of nine persons from 3 rd Mo 15 th 1865, to 6 th Mo 1 st 1866.	2,886.87
Building fences, repairing Mission house and school house	321.31
Capital added to Store fund	1,200.00
	<u>\$11,996.54</u>

On behalf of the Washington Committee

Edward W. Monland

Newport (Month 12th 1866.

Recapitulation

Amount acknowledged by the Treasurer	\$12,550.17
Contributions by the Quarterly Meetings, in goods	4,095.21
Other Contributions	1,929.78
Total	<u>\$18,575.16</u>

Disbursements

Cash paid the Washington Committee	\$11,996.54
Contributions in clothing, food and fuel	6,024.99
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer.	553.63
	<u>\$18,575.16</u>

Members Committee.— Sarah H. Jones, Ruth B. Gifford,
Gertrude W. Cartland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Eliza B. Bogue,
Abigail M. Hanson, Anna G. Ward, Mary H. Wing, Gulielma
W. Stenlund, Phoebe Pope, Jane C. Minot, Esther Nichols, Mabel
A. Marble, Phoebe S. Marsh, Ann B. Cook, Lydia P. Fry—
Rachel B. Nichols, Isaac Jones, Lydia E. Jenkins, Hulda
S. Buffum, Lois J. Green, Eunice W. Harr, Sarah S. Sampson,
Nanny Pinkham, Sarah H. Anthony, Marcus T. Robinson,
Elizabeth Brud. Abigail S. Batty, Susan E. Humphreys,
Cynthia J. Cook, Ann Maria Coffin, Ruth J. Challis, Eliza
P. Varney, Cynthia Bowen, Mary Stode, Caroline Hazard,
Elizabeth C. Wing, Lavina Huntington, Elsie Jane Collins,
Maria Buffinton, Hannah Love, Elizabeth Potter, Amy
S. Waltham, Anna Cartland, Mary C. Foster, Martha
Austin, Gulielma Frutkin, Mary B. Wing, Sarah
Stode, Abby W. Pratt, Ann Elvira Lang, Hannah Sage,
Susan Taber, Susan Gifford, Lydia B. Gow, Mary
Metcalf, Anna J. Lewis, Celinda Metcalf, Alice Linnell,
Charity E. Hillingham, Abby C. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker,
Martha C. Pratt, Rebecca W. Grover, Susan Cartland,
Jane Pope and Ellen N. Buffum.—

An acceptable Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of
the present year, has been received and read.

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of London, New York, Ohio,
North Carolina, Indiana, Baltimore and Iowa Yearly Meetings,
have been read and approved, and the Clerk is requested
to sign the same, with those read at a former sitting, and
forward them to those Meetings respectively.

A Minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders,
expressive of their Unity and Concurrence with our dear friends
Eli and Sybil Jones in their proposed religious visit to
Great Britain and some places on the Continent of Europe,
has been read, and is as follows, viz.:

"Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

6th Month 14th 1866.

The Clerk is directed to inform the Yearly Meeting now sitting

of our unity and concurrence with our dear friends Eli
and Sybil Jones, in their proposed religious service, and
believing the Yearly Meeting at large would be interested in
learning the anticipated field of their labors, it is thought proper
to read the certificates granted to them for the information of
Friends

From the Minutes

To the Yearly Meeting,

Wm C. Taber, Clerk

And we appoint Sarah J. Tobey, Rachel S. Howland,
Susan Howland, Rebecca J. Tucker, Mary E. Brud and
Gertrude W. Cartland, to unite with a similar Committee of
New Friends, in giving such care and attention in the case
as may be called for.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following
Minute for our friend Rebecca J. Updegraff, and similar ones
for our friends Abner C. Thomas and Elizabeth L. Comstock, viz

"Our beloved friend Rebecca J. Updegraff attended this meeting.
Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign the following Minute for our
friend Mary Eddy, viz

"Our beloved friend Mary Eddy attended this meeting.
Her company has been acceptable to us."

and similar ones for Maria Willet, Lucinda Hadley, Mary
Jessup and Hannah S. Pettit.

The Clerk is directed to cause the Minutes of this Meeting to
be printed for distribution among its members.

Having been permitted to transact the business that has
come before us, and witnessed as we humbly trust, from day
to day, our Heavenly Father's love spread over us, under
which we have been closely united together in the fellowship
of the Gospel, we conclude, proposing to meet at this place,
at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Sarah J. Tobey Clerk

Epistles

From New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from
the 10th of 6th Month to the 14th of the same, inclusive 1855.

To London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.
Dear Sisters,

Under a fresh sense of the mercy of our Heavenly
Father in permitting us again to assemble as a yearly Meeting,
we have rejoiced in the remembrance of our beloved sisters, absent
in body, but one in faith and Christian fellowship - As such
we salute you in the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.

We feel that it is good for us to be here, and under the influence
of that Power which can melt the heart, we have been brought
into great tenderness of spirit, and realized indeed that God
is Love, and they that dwell in God dwell in Love. May we
all more and more witness the effect of this Power and be
earnest in our prayers to be fed with the bread of life, that
Grace may much more abound - that we may experience
through regeneration, knowledge of being made partakers by faith
in the body of our Lord broken, and His blood shed for the
remission of sin, that we also may have part in His glorious
Resurrection.

A deep exercise has been over this meeting for greater
individual faithfulness. The harvest is great and the labours
do not increase when the call is loud for more. We feel to cry
O, Lord revive thy work in the hearts of thy children.

May there be a cheerful readiness to work in His vineyard
wherever he may appoint - as willing to plant, to water,
to prune or train the vine, as to pluck the full grown fruit -
Only desiring that God may be glorified and his work
done on earth.

Much has been expressed on the duty of family
worship, and mothers have been encouraged to gather
their children for the reading of the Holy Scriptures and
reverent waiting on God. His blessing will surely attend
these seasons, and even the lisping child will feel that
God is Love.

The attendance of many of the Lords Supperges from other yearly Meetings, who have participated in these exercises, has contributed largely to the interest of the meeting and made us feel that the Lord is still mindful of us. This precious opportunity increases our obligation to Him, who is the author of every good and perfect gift.

We gratefully acknowledge your sympathy and Christian co-operation in the new and widening field opened by the recent emancipation of the oppressed in our land, whose great necessities call for great and continued efforts.

Dear Sister, pray for us, that no one may shrink from duty, either from the magnitude of the work, or from a sense of her own unworthiness, but, relying on God, who can equally bless the little as the much, each do her part towards the spiritual and moral elevation of this much injured and degraded class.

Thus as we do our days work in the day time, at each evening's close we may count ourselves one day nearer Heaven, and when the evening of life shall come, and we lay our burdens down, through the merits of a crucified Savior we may exchange the cross for a Heavenly Crown.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah E. Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Dublin.

Dear Sister,

Greet to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. In His love we desire to salute you.

We have received your acceptable Epistle of the present year, and our hearts have been warmed and comforted thereby.

Our Meeting is large, and we are favored with the company of many of our brethren and sisters from other yearly Meetings, drawn to visit us in the love of the Gospel. The voices of warning, of consolation and of encouragement have been heard in our meetings, and the wants of all classes and conditions have been ministered to in the fresh flowings of Gospel love. Mothers

have been tenderly encouraged to gather their dear children, ^{giving} around the family altar, and then endeavour to lead their young hearts to the the Savior, who took little children in His arms and blessed them. The dear young people have been earnestly entreated to give their hearts to Jesus, being assured that by so doing they are using the most effectual means of securing their happiness, even in this life. He will require the sacrifice of nothing that is not hurtful to their best and highest interests, while His rewards will be unlike any that the pleasures of this world can bestow. "Neither Grace nor Glory, nor any good thing, will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." The experience of all who have reached the meridian or approached the evening of life, will, we believe, approve the assertion, that nothing but the service of God is worth living for, and without His favor and approving smile, we can have no true enjoyment. Let this, then, dear young sister, be your resolve, to engage in nothing, upon which you cannot conscientiously ask the Divine blessing. Life is full of trials, but by the grace of God, we shall be enabled to surmount them, and they will be made the means of our purification, as we endeavour to keep fast hold of the Savior's hand, "that guiding hand unseen," we shall be led safely along through the joys and sorrows with which the path of every human being is diversified. The promise is sure, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

While we desire that none may be so unwise as to put off the great work of reconciliation with God, pursuing upon His long suffering and forbearance, let none despair of His mercy. He who, "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life", will not turn away his pitying ear from the cry of any of the children whom He has created. If, conscious of our sins, and our unworthiness to appear in His holy presence, we come penitently to His footstool, asking forgiveness, let us remember He is more ready to grant, than we are to ask it. Even under the dispensation of the Law, in the Jewish Temple, the Mercy Seat was of pure gold, and the cherubim covered it with their wings, with their faces turned

the mercy seat. How much more then, under the new dispensation
the dispensation of Love, may we believe that men who come unto
God, asking mercy in the name of His dear Son, shall be sent
completely away.

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to thee,
Oh Lamb of God, I come."

Just as I am, thy love unknown,
May broken every barrier down,
Now to be thine, yes, thine alone
Oh Lamb of God, I come."

The claims of the people of color, raised from a state of ignorance
and bondage (by the great struggle through which we have been
passing) to take their place in the ranks of Freedom, still have
our interest and care. Much has been done, much, very much
yet remains to be done in their behalf. We desire your prayers
that our interest and efforts for their instruction and elevation,
may not grow cool or abate.

And now, dear sister, farewell. May we grow in grace
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
To Him be glory both now and forever.

With the salutation of love, we remain your sister

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.
Sarah A. Tobey, Clerk

To New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sister,

We greet you in the love of Christ, which in
unlimited mercy is felt to thee abundantly, towards you.
In an increased measure measure, we have felt we have
been enabled to transact the affairs of the Church in much
harmony, and while this, a prominent object of our

assembling, has been kept in view; there has evidently rested on the minds of many a paramount object, - that of the salvation of souls, and the prayer has ascended on high, (we devoutly believe) that there might be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that sons and daughters would be born into the Kingdom. We are highly blessed with the company of many lively-
emissaries for Christ, who labor with a vigilance and earnestness that the cause demands, in as much as all among us do not evince a saving interest in Jesus, whom to know is eternal life. Oh that we may know, in this our day of gracious visitation, the things that belong to our peace, - that the word be not pronounced - but now they are forever hid from our eyes. We are called to mourn the removal by death, of many faithful standard-bearers, during the past year, and the solemn truth has been impressed upon us, that our ranks are becoming thinned - that the removals exceed the accessions, calling forth this solemn appeal to the Church, where are the dedicated servants, that are willing to labor for their Lord - to work for Jesus. The diversity of gifts has been feelingly alluded to (which may have been too much overlooked in the past) - as well as the exercise of them in that varied and individual capacity, with which God has severally endowed us - summing to be taken a more comprehensive view taken of the liberty there is in the Gospel of the dear Son of God.

The State of Society, as presented, has again baptized us into suffering, that there is still manifest in some an indifference to the solemn obligations resting upon us, as accountable beings, which must be traced to a want of more vital, saving experience in Divine things - that which will lead us, from a sense of our great need, to avail ourselves of all the means of grace that a loving compassionate Father has bestowed on us. Would we not then love to frequent the place of prayer in the Church or the family altar - in the assemblies of God's people, where the minister of ministries often dignify to preach the living Word to His dependent children. May we not weary of this simple

yet beautifully impressive manner of worship, - for there are many that are called from other fields to this, that can testify of its peculiar fitness and adaptation to their spiritual wants. Bible reading in the family has been presented, as a delightful and necessary duty, and when engaged in, has often called forth from the very little ones tears, - expressions like unto this - God is love.

Again we are called to mourn over the great evil of excessive dress, and of light reading, and to weigh its deleterious effect on the moral nature of our dear young people. There must unavoidably tend to dissipate their good impressions that have their birth in the thoughtful tender mind - kept so by not mingling in gay fashionable society, where the pure spiritual taste cannot be gratified by its glittering surroundings. Mothers are exhorted to labor in word and deed to obviate this evil, that there may continue to be in our Zion a succession of noble, self-denying mothers and daughters whose adorning will be that of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price.

We are increasingly interested in Mission and First Day Schools - but yet there remains very much to be done in this broad field of labor.

The cause of the Freed people is still dear to us, and what we have done we feel to be but the beginning of what we should do in alleviating their sufferings, and in elevating them to a self-sustaining position in the world.

We have been cheered and strengthened by your lively and excellent Epistle, as well as others from sister Yearly Meetings. This correspondence we view as a social link in the chain of usefulness, to keep one another on in our journey Heavenward.

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting
Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Baltimore

Dear Sisters.

Another year brings us again with one accord, we trust, in one place, and the annual meeting of joyful grateful hearts is not unmingled with sadness. "For the first greetings over", our eyes glance longingly around for loved ones gathered to their eternal rest. In love let us trust they were summoned so soon. And they rest as we rest, in God's mercy alone. But it does not become the Christian long to ponder on the summing dark Providence, for we still live, and "life is brief and duty grave"; and the prophetic watchword comes down through years of eventful time, to us of the present, to the Church of Christ the world over, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; The Lord shall be thine everlasting light and thy God thy glory. The Gentiles shall come to thy light and Kings to the brightness of thy rising. Then thou shalt see and grow together, and thy heart shall fear and be enlarged, because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the flocks of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Lift up thine eyes round about and see, all they gather themselves together, they come to thee; Thy sons shall come from far and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side."— Friends the query comes home to us singly as individual members of the Church of Christ,— comes it not to you also? Have I obeyed the call to arise and shine, "making haste to live, as time hastens on", casting sloth and self away, "taking up and waving wide the torch, that lights times thickest gloom", thus reflecting the light of our glorious Head. To live to sleep to rest at last, to move in idleness through earth, telling only the story and of our own hearts even, is not to live, is not to arise and shine. Souls are to be won, the erring to be saved, the wandering to be gathered, the suffering and the sorrowing to be comforted, the hungry to be fed, the naked to be clothed, the sin-burthen'd sinner to be pointed to Jesus, "The Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." Then with clean hands and pure hearts—dedicated dedicated to the

voice of Christ, will not our living answer to the object of our
creation, our faith be shown by our works, and not only coming
gathering into the fold, but going forth into the world's highway,
compelling the wanderer to come in and partake freely of this
common Salvation. Thus by the individual, collective and
harmonious arising of the Church universal, of which Christ
is the alone Head, her ensign written in letters of living light,
"One Lord, one faith; one baptism," the day shall be hastened,
and we rejoice to anticipate it, when the day-spring of united
knowledge and holiness shall bless the world for the fulfillment
of the prophecy, "The Kingdoms of this world are become the
Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ"

We would conclude with the salutation of love, and the
grateful acknowledgment of the fresh visitations of the love of
our Heavenly Father, through which all needs have been min-
-istered unto, and both the visited and the visitor from other
branches of the Church, who have, we trust, effectively labored
among us, can testify - "it is good for us to be here."

We remain with renewed interest, your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Fisher. Clerk

To Natl. Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

Dear Sisters,

Under a fresh and humbling sense of the tender
mercies of our Redeemer, we feel drawn to offer you the salutation
of love, desiring that grace and peace may be multiplied
unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our
Lord. We have been comforted by the reading of your accept-
able Epistle of last year and while deeply sympathizing
with you in the trials that still cloud, we can with feelings
of reverent thankfulness acknowledge - "Lord is the word of
the Lord". May it be given us to know that His word dwells
in our hearts by faith, that being rooted and grounded in
love we may be able to be persuaded with all Saints who

in the breadth and length and depth and height and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.

"Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart." Let none think to understand the character of His love, that being clean & pure every defilement of flesh and spirit we may perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord.

For those to whom it is given on behalf of Christ, not only to believe, but to suffer for His name, the comforting language of the dear Redeemer applies - "Fear not little flock, for it is your Heavenly Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." "I hope therefore that believe He is faithful." Let us seek, dear friends, to abide in Him, that we may be found joint laborers bearing witness to His praise. Notwithstanding the Lord hath permitted great and sore trials to befall us, yet, as His children we trust faithful to Him in covenant keeping, they will realize His promise - "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

The state of society being brought before us, a lively concern hath prevailed for the right training of our children. Mothers have been affectionately exhorted to guard their tender minds from the fascinating influences of a delusive world. It is to the children we look for a succession of standard learners, that when those who have borne the burden and heat of the day are removed there may be found among the rising generation those who are prepared to tell to the generations following, "this is our God is our God forever and ever, He will be our guide even unto death."

We are favored, at this time, with the company of dear friends from other yearly meetings, whose labors of love we hope may be blessed.

Now dear friends, dear Sisters, we would say in the language of the Apostle - "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting -
Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters

We trust dear Sisters, it is in the fellowship of the truth as it is in Jesus, that our minds are drawn in sympathy. At this time, to greet you in that love which is the badge of true

chief blessing, causing us at seasons to joy and rejoice together
in the Lord of our salvation. The privilege we enjoy in thus communing
with our dear sisters of other Yearly Meetings, is truly cheering and
comforting to the experienced Christian traveler. It is a word, thereby
encouraging us to hold on our way in the pursuit of these things,
that make for our present and eternal well being. Then shall we,
dear friends, be prayerfully engaged to permit one another
to be honest in the Truth, and in every good word and work
for the welfare of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders.

May the beloved youth, with you and us, be openly invited to
"come up to the help of the Lord," and experience for themselves
His care of righteousness in the earth, to be dignified with honor
and crowned with immortality. Men will they be found
more and more co-operating with their dear sisters in the
upholding of that standard on which is inscribed "Himself
unto the Lord" - and we believe they will be often recompensed
with that peace which can alone satisfy a seeking and
inquiring mind after righteousness.

This our Yearly Meeting has been large, and we verily
believe the one so loved our all righty gathered assembly,
has been mercifully pleased to overshadow our minds with
His life giving presence, enabling us to harmonize together, we
humbly trust, in a spirit of oneness that breathes the language
"peace on earth and good will to men". We have much enjoyed
the company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings,
whose gospel labors have been instructing and edifying, reaching
in truth, the poor witness in the minds of many, strengthening the
doubting to press onward, comforting the mourners in Zion,
and eliciting the grateful acknowledgment, "it has been good
for us to be here".

We have, this year, much reason for thankfulness to our
Heavenly Father, that the captives have been liberated from
bondage. May we continue to feel and manifest a deep
interest in their advancement in mental and physical
comforts, feeling confident that while thus engaged, we are
serving Him who heals the sick, and preaches the
gospel to the poor. And may His Spirit bless both the
means we use, and all that we do, and find that to do
in this good cause, truly acknowledging it to be a duty called
for our hands.

Your acceptable Epistle of 9th month last has been

received, and the Christian course and encouragement
extended to us through the efforts of our sister, J. G. Smith.
Meetings have been cheering and comforting to many exercised
nervous.

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters,
Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Amah. H. Tobey Clark

To Indiana Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,
Dear Sisters,

Under a grateful sense of the goodness and mercy of
our Heavenly Father in Heaven, we join thee up again & come
together in this our annual assembly, which is large, we do feel
drawn to address you, and acknowledge the receipt of your
acceptable letter of last year, the reading of which has tended
to our encouragement, and the strengthening your faith in Him
who is Head over His Church. - And we have renewedly felt the
value of this privilege of its members, whereby the weak hands are made
stronger for labor in the master's vineyard. The spirit of kindness
and sympathy which is breathed forth for the suffering and dis-
seminated oppressed people of color in our land, was responded to
by many hearts, with an earnestness of desire that our prayers
may ever be to promote their comfort and liberation.

Our hearts have been bowed under a fresh evidence of the
gathering love of Jesus, which has been spread over us, drawing us
intimately together and unto Him, the inexhaustible Fountain of
love, wherein a living exercise has been begotten in the minds of
many dear servants for the advancement of His blessed cause -
and the various states and conditions have been ministered unto,
as the voice of admonition and warning have been raised, and
encouragement also, to more earnestness of purpose in
serving the Lord - That we seek daily to live more unto Him,
and less unto self and the world - That we strive for more
fullness of spirit, for stronger desires after godliness, and an
increase of faith and strength, that we may individually
realize a growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Moreover have been exhorted to more diligence in the important
duty of the family gathering for the daily reading of the Holy
Scriptures and waiting before the Lord, and as we may breathe
upon their hearts, to offer upon the family altar the morning
sacrifice and the evening prayer. Blessed are those

When God the Lord is, and we believe He will ~~have~~ ^{be} and
keep all those who are engaged thus to come before Him, and such
persons will be blessed to the dear children by the perceptible influence
of the Lord's love, overing and warming their hearts, drawing them
unto Himself, thus keeping them in times of temptation, becoming
unto them as a guard round about them. - May all with you and
with us be stimulated under this prayerful exercise, which alone can
enable us for any mature duty, to the faithful occupancy of the
respectable position in which we are placed, in the culture of the
unimpaired minds committed to our care, and the nurturing of them
for Heaven - that the blessed words of approval from the Good Shepherd
may come home to every heart - The haste done what she could. Should
He in mercy early to gather the precious lambs into His heavenly garner,
what a source of comfort and peace would be in the memory well be,
such a source of prayer - and may the beloved young sister, on
whom the Church looks for a succession, be prepared of the Lord to
receive the falling mantle of the nursing in Israel - and make the
occupies of a willing heart so acceptable in His sight. He knoweth the
cost thereof, and His reward is with Him. Then He will gather into
His fold, He will teach them of His ways, and they will delight to walk
in His paths - May there be an increase of that number who do
know of their sins being washed away in the atoning blood of the Lamb
our only mediator with the Father in all things, keeping a single
eye to His honor, that His name may be glorified in the earth, who
alone is worthy.

We have at this time the ~~anxious~~ acceptable company, in many
close friends from other Family Meetings, who have been so successful
of good in the great love of the Good Shepherd who hath turned their
feet to this part of His heritage.

The Christian love, we are your sister,
Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
Sarah S. Tobey Clerk

To Western Family Meeting of Women Friends
Beloved Sisters,

The reading of your acceptable Epistle of the 9th
Month has, and then from other Family Meetings, has afforded
us much comfort and encouragement, and we have been
firmly impressed with the value of such a correspondence,
believing that each and under the promptings of His Spirit the
end of love, it will be blessed to our advancement and
establishment in truth.

Our yearly Meeting is largely attended, and yet there,
and more fully, we are the case of the Great Head of the Church,
very earnest has been our engagement to see clearly the promptings
of Truth, and to the guidance of our Holy Leader, Endearing

to dwell under this exercise, but as the camp of our dear friends
has spread out as we, and we have been unable to visit
each other in Christian sympathy and interest, but the same
feeling has extended to our dear absent sisters in this and other lands.

Many dear friends from the Kingdom of God are with us,
and we have been very rejoiced and comforted by their kind
counsel. The extent it indeed, comes with thanksgiving when we
return but are still with the preparation of the future are drawn by the
contrasting love of Christ to labor among us.

Various subjects of interest and importance have come before us
at this time - The religious education of our children and the
responsible duties devolving upon mothers and teachers have claimed
our thoughtful consideration - The frequent reading of the Holy
Scriptures in our families has been impressively dwelt upon, and we
have desired that none of us may rest satisfied with the mere
cold and formal reading of a few chapters each day, but that
the fervent breathing of our Spirit may be, as we seek for instruction
from the Sacred volume, "God open 'thou mine eyes that I may
behold wondrous things out of the law." as this becomes our pre-occupied
engagement, and we are favored to study the Bible with Heaven-
awakened eyes, and ponder the glorious Gospel truths, we can then
believe that our lives will conform more and more to the precepts
and example of our blessed Saviour. - Christian sympathy will
be more and more apparent amongst us - our reading and
conversation - our daily walk, among men, will be such as
become the disciples, and even our thoughts will be brought into
captivity to the obedience of Christ.

A desire to promote the welfare of the Free-people, still prompts
us to active exertion on their behalf, and we have gratefully to
acknowledge that our efforts during the past year to ameliorate their
condition, providing many of them with physical comforts and means
of improvement, have been blessed by Him who regards the prayers
of the destitute.

We cordially respond, dear sisters, to the desires here expressed
that we may each and all be one in the Lord. "Christ in your hearts
and all ye are brethren" - abiding in Him, the great
Teacher of righteousness, striving to keep His commandments and His testimonies,
how precious is the assurance granted us that we shall be able to
keep His commandments, that all the paths are mercy and truth, and that
wherever we may be separated during this sojourning pilgrimage, we
may have before the same throne of His merciful grace, pleading the same
glorious promises and finally be permitted to meet beyond the
of time, when the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb will be seen,
and in whose presence is fulness of joy.

With the salutation of love we bid you an affectional farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clark

To Iowa Fair Meeting of Women Friends.

Dear Sisters,

It is a privilege once more to be permitted to meet as a Fair Meeting, and in the fresh flowing of the love of Christ, we feel to address you, and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle. With reverence we desire to commemorate the goodness of our Heavenly Father, and to acknowledge His sustaining hand, amidst all the varying scenes and conflicts of this changing world.

The Kingdom of Heaven is within you, is a distinguishing doctrine of our Society, and can we not acknowledge, that, as the work of the Spirit is submitted to, the heart will be inclined to listen to the teachings of this inward Monitor— as the love of God is shed abroad in the heart, the Christian will have within him, the true antidote to the love of the world. The power of the world to time will prevail over his various temptations. The Holy Scripture, that are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, will become very precious. Though often tempted— often yielding to temptations, "faint (yet pursuing)" will be his motto. The promise will become verified in his experience, "He giveth power to the faint, and to him that hath no might He increaseth strength."

Does He will that we should suffer,
Shall His crown of sorrow,
Giving service give to day,
Reign with Him to-morrow.

Truly must we acknowledge the hand of an Almighty Ruler of the universe, in so ordering the affairs of our beloved Country, that light has at length broken through the darkness. Praise our Heavenly Father remembered mercy, in the midst of judgment. The oppressed of our land now enjoy the boon of freedom. May He strengthen many hearts to labor in the work of lifting up to a higher life, the down-trodden and ignorant, by ever bearing the encouraging language— "Inasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these ye have done it unto me."

The Subject of family devotion, has claimed the attention of this Meeting— Mothers have been encouraged to cultivate in the minds of the young a love of nature. The teachings of the Savior, as he walked up and down doing good, were full of allusions to the beautiful in nature. The young heart thus improved, will not easily forget their lessons, and through life's varied experience, will draw strength to look "through nature up to nature's God."

The indispensable duty of prayer and of asking the divine blessing on all our undertakings has been felt to be the privilege of the slaves.

Now we endeavor to keep our eyes single unto Jesus, having charity toward all men, and may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Respectfully directed and on behalf of the Meeting.

Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

